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RODNY DENIES HE'S A PIRATE!

Moves to establish a "Super State League" rapidly gather momentum in New South Wales — but the president of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, Karel Rodny, denies he is touting for members.

By JOHN FIELD

Mr Rodny told ASW: "There are several clubs who seem to want a so-called Super League in this State but my Federation has taken no initiative in the matter.

"We are certainly not trying to tempt NSW clubs away from the Philips League.

"If any club wants to join or rejoin a competition under our control we will listen. But such clubs would have to fulfil certain conditions and abide by the NSW Federation constituion."

Despite Mr Rodny's insistence that he is not interested in pirating clubs from the PSL, there is no doubt that an excellent State-wide competition could be formed by combining the best of the State teams plus NSW Philips League teams.

People backing the plan have suggested the following make-up for a Super League:-

Sydney Olympic, Sydney City, Blacktown Demons, Canberra Arrows, Newcastle KB, Marconi, Leichhardt, Croatia, St George, Melita Eagles, Polonia, Sutherland Shire, Inter Monaro, Wollongong Wolves, Fairy Meadow or Wollongong United, plus another team from the Newcastle area.

Travel cost would be minimal compared with the present PSL — and match attendances would undoubtedly be better than those in the PSL.

Club supporters would be able to watch their own team almost every week

The more you examine this plan, the more sense it makes. It will be argued that reverting to a State competition from a national League is a backward step.

In theory, that is correct. But it could restore financial sanity to a sport which at present appears to be heading for financial disaster.

Constant foes at Sydney Athletic Field, Joe Watson and Billy Rogers, contest the ball while Vince Bannon and Kenny Boden also try to get into the act.

TASMANIAN DEVILS BITES AT PSL.

By John Economos

Tasmania is almost ready to break into the PSL next year.

Australian Soccer Federation Marketing executives, Rick Booth, John Frank, together with PSL Secretary Manager, Paul Kemp, spent last Thursday-,Friday and Saturday, interviewing the Tasmanian 'pilot Soccer Committee', regarding Tasmania's PSL admission.

The Tasmanian team, tentatively to be called Tasmanian Devils, will be a made up team from the State squad. No single club will be the sole contributor of players.

Additional air travel costings at this stage, are negligible to what it costs to fly a squad from Sydney to Melbourne.

At this stage, State Director of Coaching, Steve Darby, is the likely candidate for the coaching position.

Home ground will not be isolated to just one pitch. In fact it is envisaged that the Devils will have three home grounds to give the island maximum exposure of their PSL Soccer team.

The 'pilot Soccer Committee' is looking at grounds in Devonport, Launceston and Hobart.

Sponsorship will come from a consortium of Companies, as against having a sole sponsor.

The 'pilot Soccer Committee', a group of competent administrators, is led by State Opposition leader, Mr Gabbie Haros, with local T.V. coverage to be done by Channel 6.

AN APOLOGY FROM ASW

In AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY dated Tuesday 4 August 1981, reference was made to a player, John McQuarrie, in the Northern NSW State League.

The article referred to an incident in a match in which a Tamworth player's leg was broken.

ASW wishes to stress that the article was not intended to cast a reflection on the play of John McQuarrie. If it did give that impression, we unreservedly retract.

In addition, ASW would like to apologise to John McQuarrie for any distress the story on Tuesday 4 August may have caused him.

MY THREE SONS

The terribly wealthy sheik asked his three sons what they'd like for birthday presents.

First son asked for a boat — so dad bought him the Q.E.2.

Second son wanted an aeroplane — so dad bought him British Airways fleet of Concordes.

All the third son asked for was a Mickey Mouse outfit. So the sheik bought him the ASF.

We don't claim copyright on the story — it came from someone at the ASF. It's comforting to know Clarence St can crack a joke at itself.

EDITORIAL

Do overseas clubs really want to buy every useful Soccer player in Australia?

We ask the question because, this year, it has become quite bewildering to read about all the players from this non-Soccer country who are prime targets for top professional clubs in Europe and America.

One Sydney newspaper appears to produce one or two names almost every week. You may call us cynical, but we have a feeling that, come the start of 1982 season, very few Australians will be playing for foreign teams.

It has been reported that the following are ready to pack their bags and quit these shores:- Mark Koussas, Peter Katholos, Steve Blair, Jim Ziras, Alan Davidson, Peter Wilson (the goalie not the centre-half), Eddie Krncevic, Peter Sharne, David Mitchell, Joe Senkalski, Peter Raskopoulos, Howard Tredinnick, John Yzendoorn and Greg Woodhouse.

Forgive us if we've missed any, but surely this is enough to be going on with. With 14 names listed, this is a full team plus three subs!

It would be nice to think that Soccer in Australia has developed so rapidly that there are now 14 players here capable of holding their own in professional company in Europe. It would represent a phenomenal improvement in playing standards if we consider that, 12 months ago, not one Aussie player was really on the shopping lists of foreign clubs.

As Tommy Docherty explained just before leaving to become manager of Preston North End: "The big attraction about Australian players is that they can be bought cheaply. It is one of the few countries in the world where the transfer market has not gone through the roof."

In England, any player on offer at less than $100,000 is probably a chronic injury case, a candidate for the old age pension, an alcoholic or merely devoid of talent. In Australia, there are many players available at $100,000 without such obvious handicaps.

Last week, when the latest "big story" came out concerning two more Socceroos heading for fame and fortune in Europe, we heard an interesting comment from Rale Rasic.

Rasic said: "I keep reading about all these Australian players who are wanted overseas but I cannot believe it. If I was in charge of a European club and I came to Australia looking for talent, there is one player I would buy. That player is not even in the Socceroo squad. His name is Graham Jennings and, as a genuine attacking winger, he is Sydney Olympic's greatest asset. He would be right at the top of my shopping list."

Jennings, of course, has his drawbacks. He lacks consistency. But see him perform on one of his good days, and he is most impressive.

Consistency could be the key to the whole puzzle concerning the ability of Aussie Soccer players. A Krncevic, Sharne, or Katholos will look magnificent in one particular match, yet so often the same player will turn in a couple of dud games immediately after.

Perhaps that is why they are playing in Australia and not in England, Italy or Yugoslavia.

WILLIE WALLACE WANTS WILSON

By John Fields

Leichhardt will try everything possible to re-sign veteran sweeper Peter Wilson for the 1982 season.

There have been strong rumours that Wilson, the former Australian World Cup captain, is about to return to the NSW south coast where he started his distinguished career 14 years ago.

Wollongong Wolves would certainly like him.

Leichhardt, however, are determined to retain Wilson who has been playing better than ever. Coach Willie Wallace said : "Peter seems to improve with age. He is the father figure in a young side and it is encouraging to see the kids listening to him.

"I have spoken to him about next season. I don't think Leichhardt will lose this very good player."

PhiL O'Connor is another key Leichhardt player rumoured to be leaving.

O'Connor has a clause in his contract limiting any transfer fee on his head to $15,000.

But his personal demands are bound to be very high. In fact, a Leichhardt direct said: "Any club with $40,000 to spend could get O'Connor."

INDONESIA DEFEATS AUSTRALIA

Indonesia last Sunday, moved up the ladder in the Oceania World Cup Group, by defeating Australia by one goal to nil.

The home team is now in third place behind New Zealand and Australia.

A crowd of 25,000 watched the young Australian side dominate the match in the first half but just could not break through.

The first half ended scoreless and Australia increased their domination in the second half, but again to no avail.

In the 88th minute,Indonesia broke through-,when their striker, Risdianto took on three Australian defenders and ended his invasion by smashing his shot past the Australian goalkeeper, Glen Ahearn.

Peter Raskopoulos
(Australian captain)

Australian World Cup Captain, Peter Raskopoulos, together with striker David Mitchell and Grant Lee, proved most valuable for the young Australian Soccer team.

The World Cup team left Jakarta yesterday (Monday) for Hong Kong, where they will stay for three days before departing for Taiwan on Thursday where they play Taiwan in Taipei next Sunday.

The Australian team is due back in Sydney next Tuesday morning, ETA 6.10

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

Midweek games:

HEIDELBERG - BRISBANE LIONS	**2-2**
Taylor, Paton(H), Williamson,Daunt(BL)	
MARCONI - BLACKTOWN DEMONS	**0-1**
O'Donnell	

Round 28:

MARCONI - LEICHHARDT	**0-2**
Soper 2	
CANBERRA ARROWS - WOLLONGONG	**2-0**
Valeri,Gibson	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC - NEWCASTLE KB	**1-1**
Wilson(SO), Stamp(KB)	
SYDNEY CITY - SOUTH MELBOURNE	**1-1**
Souness(SC), Wooddin(SM)	
ADELAIDE CITY - WEST ADELAIDE	**2-1**
J.Nyskohus, Melta(AC), Smythe(WA)	
HEIDELBERG - BLACKTOWN DEMONS	**3-1**
Yankos,Selemidis,Cole(H), Rasmussen(BD)	
BRISBANE CITY - PRESTON	**1-2**
Radcliffe(BC), Lucchessi,Ollerton(P)	
FOOTSCRAY - BRISBANE LIONS	**2-0**
Cozzella,Lujic	

TOP SCORERS

13. Evans(SM),Cole(H)
12. Boden(SC)
11. Koussas(SO),Soper(L)
10. Wilkinson(BC),Kosmina(SC),Ollerton(P),Souness(SC)
9. Valeri(CA),Paton(H)
8. Mitchell,J.Nyskohus(AC),Lucchessi(P),Barnes(SC)
7. Christopoulos(SM), Souness(SC),Mountford(KB),Brown(P),Williamson(BL),Gibson(CA)
6. Cozzella, Ilioski(F), O'Connor(L), Cullen(P), Jankovics, Sharne(M), McBreen(W), Hamilton(BC), Campbell(H), Northcote(AC), Williamson(BL),K.Wilson(SO)
5. Verweij(F), Millman, Bennett(BL), Jennings(SO), Senkalski(KB), Fontana(W), Brennan(CA)

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

Justice and fairness are two of the basic principles of sport in all its forms. They justify the regular functioning of every sport and play a major role in its progress. Without these, sport would have difficulty existing and wouldn't reach today's high point.

To ensure justice is done, laws and rules have been created which set punishments to those who don't stick to the rules in and out of sporting grounds.

Apart from these written laws there are also the unwritten ethics which concern all of us as individuals in society. The media should guide, inform and educate us in these.

The way some of the media has presented certain subjects lately, one would say it is anything but fair. People should ask some questions :

1. You ask for justice and fairness in Soccer - how right and objective are you?

2. Would you in the press have the emotional strength to resist personal feelings, when you are about to write a truth which would go upset a friend?

3. Do you in the press do your duty properly and objectively, or do you bury it in favour of personal interests?

I don't know how many of us (I hope all) would give the right answers to these questions and similar ones. Of course, there are exceptions. "Every rule has an exception."

Consider happenings like these :

• The recent coach of Marconi, Raul Blanco, was the standard target of the media every time his team had bad results. He was forced in the end to resign to save his pride.

• The Newcastle coach, Alan Vest, was also overworked by the press long before he left KB.

• As for the newcomer — Docherty's successor Doug Collins- there was talk of his sacking before he even took over the Sydney Olympic team !

For one coach, there could have been talk over for his failure - Blacktown's Rale Rasic. The other three coaches had their teams in better positions than the Blacktown coach has his team in. Why this imbalance?

Justice, objectiveness and good judgment?

Full marks to Blacktown's committee for giving the coach everything he asked to present a successful Soccer team to people who love the game. It is a pity that they found instead failure and desperation. There is no greater failure than relegation, which has happened to Blacktown.

At Blacktown, Rasic had it all. The trust of the committee, the financial support to sign nine players in one season (a record), the freedom to bring mercenaries from his own country (Yugoslavia), and on top of that he had the whole press on his side.

Armed with all these necessary "weapons" for a coach, Rasic fought hard but the team now faces relegation.

The previous coach Mick Jones had Blacktown in a better position.

Rale Rasic cannot feel comfortable or proud of what has been achieved.

Surely his shares must have taken a great fall in the market from the failure at Blacktown, the team we all welcomed with pleasure because we liked its supporters and excellent committee.

LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SYDNEY CITY	10	4	0	32-11	24	7	1	6	20-16	15	28	17	5	6	52-27	39
SOUTH MELBOURNE	10	2	2	24-10	22	2	10	2	15-16	14	28	12	12	4	39-26	36
LEICHHARDT	7	5	1	22-10	19	5	4	5	14-19	14	27	12	9	6	36-29	33
ADELAIDE CITY	9	2	4	22-13	20	4	4	5	20-21	12	28	13	6	9	42-34	32
BRISBANE CITY	8	4	2	21- 8	20	3	6	5	12-15	12	28	11	10	7	33-23	32
CANBERRA ARROWS	6	4	4	26-17	16	6	3	5	14-14	15	28	12	7	9	40-31	31
BRISBANE LIONS	9	4	1	23- 9	22	1	7	6	15-22	9	28	10	11	7	38-31	31
NEWCASTLE KB	5	5	4	24-15	14	5	3	6	15-24	13	28	10	8	10	39-39	28
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	7	5	2	23-16	19	3	3	8	19-27	9	28	10	8	10	42-43	28
HEIDELBERG	5	4	5	18-16	14	5	3	6	27-23	13	28	10	7	11	45-39	27
WOLLONGONG	4	7	3	20-20	15	3	5	5	10-17	11	28	7	12	9	30-37	26
PRESTON	7	4	3	28-12	18	2	3	9	11-26	7	28	9	6	13	39-38	25
FOOTSCRAY	7	5	2	21-13	19	2	1	11	10-33	5	28	9	6	13	31-46	24
MARCONI	6	2	6	15-18	14	3	3	7	6-20	9	27	9	5	13	21-39	23
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	3	3	8	16-24	9	2	5	7	14-22	9	28	5	8	15	30-46	18
WEST ADELAIDE	4	2	7	14-19	10	1	1	13	10-34	3	28	5	3	20	24-53	13

SUMMER SOCCER DEBATE TWO OPPOSING VIEWS

THE PLAYER

I have just read an article by Brian Curran (Sydney Morning Herald, Monday 17th August, 1981) in regard to the great "Summer Soccer Debate". It is not within the confines of this column, however, I would like to highlight a couple of anomalies which surfaced in the article.

In the article Mr Frank Lowy is quoted as saying: "There is no chance for the game to improve in its present condition." Reading on, Dr Brian Corrigan's "favourable report" states that there will be some loss of efficiency and skill resulting from playing in the heat. One can only conclude that by lessening the skill of the players, the overall standard of the game will improve — lunacy. Can it therefore be assumed that if clubs were to further handicap their players' ability (perhaps by tying their legs together), that a further improvement would be effected?

The ASF Marketing report lists "Ability to compete with top international clubs in matching off-seasons" as a benefit of summer Soccer. At this stage of our development we still seem to have difficulty with touring sides when we are in full training, let alone in our off-season. One has only to recall the tour by Partizan Belgrade to realise the folly of throwing a bunch of players together out of season and hope that they will produce respectable results.

The majority of points listed in the ASF Marketing report are aimed at improving Soccer crowds and gaining greater publicity for the game. Surely the only tried and tested means of boosting crowds and interest in any sport is to produce a high quality product. To obtain this product the fundamental requirement is to improve the standard of pitches on which the players perform. Try asking Eddie Charlton to make a maximum break on a bumpy snooker table.

If money was spent in this direction, rather than Americanising club names and compiling long reports, I have no doubt that the skill of the average Australian Soccer player and the overall standard of Australian Soccer would improve immensely.

In closing, I would like to state, as a player having suffered heat exhaustion at the conclusion of a State League match played in April this year, I am grateful that my club, Manly Warringah, does not presently have the resources to compete in the Philips Soccer League.

D.J.C.Jack
Ryde, NSW

THE REPORTER

Since some of my colleagues have expressed their feelings against "summer Soccer", as it has become unfortunately known, I believe it only fair that the public should hear the other side.

Let met ask a question; "Have you ever looked at Soccer and been concerned that we are stagnating — going nowhere towards the goal of making it Australia's number one sport?"

If your answer is "no," than go back to your fantasy world and dream that magical things might happen.

If your answer is "yes," read on.

There can only be two goals for the national Soccer league — to raise the standard and attract spectators. I believe it is headed in the right direction with regards standards: but you only have to look at crowd figures to see that it has failed with spectators.

Those who advocate retaining the status quo do not want that situation to change.

Initially, I was appalled at the thought of "summer Soccer". Then, I read the ASFM report relating to proposed changes and attended meetings on the subject.

Now, I must say, if you don't support the proposed change, you are not aware of where the extra spectators can come from. That is what the whole change and the future is about. Our current supporters are, literally, a dying race.

Sports that have attracted the young, notably one-day night cricket, offered something radically different. The conservative element blew their stacks, but in the end were overcome by swarms of YOUNG converts and saw the light, if you'll pardon the pun.

I have seen the light that shines for Soccer in the report from the ASF Marketing company.

This is my version of the controversial points.

Playing Soccer in summer — what's new? We already have competitions in January and February and players get match fit long before they play. Don't forget the millions around the equator who play in heat. Perhaps someone forgot to tell them that you can't do it.

Matches are intended to be played at sensible evening hours, not the 2.30 — 3.00 p.m. phobia that now exists.

Players will not be collapsing in droves in extreme heat as, in rare cases where it does get over 35°C, a match will be called off.

The above has been the main continuing criticism. Consider the advantages.

The PSL already has major companies excited at the prospect of "summer Soccer" because their products are sold during the warmer times and there are fewer major sports around them.

Because there is less competition, TV is interested in backing such a venture.

The way the game is proposed to be packaged, with shoot — outs and strong emphasis on winning by changing the points, there will more excitement.

Because the hundreds of thousands of kids and parents involved in junior and senior Soccer will have a chance to attend regularly, crowds will increase.

— IAN SMITH

Dr. Brian Corrigan

LIGHTS WILL BE READY

By Tom McKain

The lights will be switched on at Hindmarsh Stadium on schedule for the Coca Cola Cup World Youth Championship finals.

Updating of existing lights, and the erection of two mini towers on the roof of the stand will be completed by early September.

S.A. Federation president, Mr Alex Hastings, said $37,000 was being spent to bring the lighting up to world standards.

"We expect the towers to arrive from Melbourne this week," he said.

"We will have a trial run for the TV people.

"Nothing has been fixed as yet, but it's possible we will get the Giants and Hawks to play one of their Escort Cup legs under the new lights."

Workmen are now putting the final touches to the new dressing rooms and work has started on the Press-room.

HARD-UP CANBERRA VOTE "SUMMER"

By John Field

One club in the Philips Soccer League which WILL vote for summer Soccer is Canberra Arrows.

At an extraordinary meeting of the club last week, a motion to support the radical concept was passed — by two votes.

It is not surprising that Canberra are ready to experiment with summer Soccer. Their financial situation is serious and the feeling in the club is that anything is worth a try.

At last week's meeting, it was revealed that Canberra Arrows had debts of $348,000 — an increase of $25,000 on the situation of a year ago.

With an account for $12,000 which had to be settled by August 30 plus another $13,000 in September, efforts were being made to raise money from club members and supporters — to the tune of $100 per head.

Canberra expect another loss next season of about $65,000.

The situation would not be so bad if Canberra Arrows were an isolated case of a PSL club struggling for survival. However a similar cash crisis is being felt in many clubs.

Even one of the strongest-supported teams alleviated a crisis when the secretary raised a second mortgage on his house. And another "well-heeled" club has an unhappy creditor whose account adds up to less than $2,000.

This is the worrying climate which has spawned the desperate move to a change of Soccer seasons.

How long will it take before people at the top admit a national league is no longer a viable proposition?

WHO SCORED — BODEN OR KOSMINA?

Kenny Boden reckons his Sydney City team-mate John Kosmina could "rob" him of a colour TV set in the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL goalscoring contest.

Boden is credited with 12 goals, but he insists he scored a 13th against Newcastle KB when Kosmina was named as scorer.

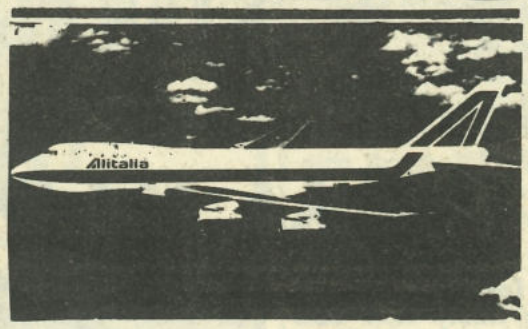
It seems Boden headed wide of goalkeeper Phil Dando and Howard Tredinnick scrambled the ball off the line only to see Kosmina finish off the move.

Now Boden has asked to see video of the incident as he's convinced his effort was over the line before the ball went to Kosmina.

Referee Bob Mee gave the goal officially to Kosmina — but with a cotour TV at stake, Boden won't accept the ref's verdict as final!

It's nice to know our scoring contest is being taken so seriously by the players.

Alitalia



TWO WEEKS TO GO . . .

The countdown is really on now to discover our "player of the year."

In the closing matches of the Philips Soccer League season, there will be keen competition among players to land the big prize in the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL contest.

That prize, of course, is a return air ticket to Rome, flying ALITALIA.

Who will get this Roman holiday? Will it be Canberra Arrows Terry Byrne, David Mitchell from Adelaide City, Joe Senkalski of Newcastle KB, Leichhardt's Phil O'Connor?

We shall soon have the answer.

In addition to the ALITALIA trip, the top player in this contest will receive a handsome ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL trophy which he will keep.

There is another prize to be won. It is a portable colour TV and it will go to the leading goalscorer at the end of the PSL season.

If you want to see how votes are allocated, turn to Page 6 for the explanation.

Here are the leaders in the ASW-MARCONI "player of the year" contest:-

31 - Terry Byrne
29 - Joe Senkalski
26 - David Mitchell, Ian Sounèss
24 - Phil O'Connor
22 - Alun Evans, Peter Wilson (Lch)
21 - Denis Boland, Peter Katholos

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20 - Col Bennett
19 - Chris Dunleavy
18 - Tony Brennan
17 - John Djordjevic
16 - Larry Gaffney
15 - Jim Campbell, Martin Coe
14 - Greg Woodhouse, Peter Raskopoulos, Arno Bertogna, Allan Maher, Jim Hermiston, Bruce James, Suki Jovanovic, Martyn Crook.
13 - Joe Watson, Gary Byrne, Tony Henderson
12 - Paul Burrows, Zdravko Lujic
11 - Arthur Xanthopoulos, Bugsy Nyskohus, Alan Whittle, Graham Honeyman, Paul Wilkinson
10 - Arthur McMillan, Graham Jennings, Peter Sharne, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf, Brian O'Donnell, Billy Williamson.
9 - Jimmy Wright, George McMillan, Peter Boyle, Brian Northcote, John Perin, Paul Reaney, Jim Ziras, Peter Wilson (S.Oly), Jim McBreen, Clive Campbell, Gary Cole, Marshall Soper.
8 - Alan Niven, Lee Adam, Steve Sumner, Willie Murray, Kim Wishart, Ljube Petrovski, Jimmy Dunne, Steve Blair, Malcolm McClelland
7 - Richard Wilson, Todd Clarke, Stuart Selvage, Jim Tansey, Doug Brown, Peter Tymczyszyn, Peter Tredinnick, Willie Conner, Isaac Farrell.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

STAR INTERVIEW

DOM KAPETANOVIC

Talks to John Economos

Last week we spoke to likely 1981 PSL champion coach, Eddie Thomson from Sydney City. This week I went out to the Bankstown Square shopping centre complex in Sydney, to talk to the coach of the NSW 1981 Soccer Champions, Croatia — Dom Kapetanovic.

And what a well-educated, pleasant, thoroughly professional man I found him to be.

We sat over a cup of coffee, and slowly unravelled his Soccer playing career and coaching background in a most humble manner (the first sign of quality).

Born in Croatia, and now 55 years of age with a 22-year playing career behind him, the memories came flooding back.

Q: What clubs did you play for?

A: Concordia, Locomotive and Dinamo Zagreb.

Q: You are married?

A: Yes, to Stephanie and I have two children Damer, 32 years, and Vladka, 26.

Q: Did you play representative Soccer?

A: Yes I did. I played for the junior and senior Croatian national teams between 1946 ad 1958.

Q: Who were some of the big names you played with in those days?

A: Bobek, Vukas, Tchaichovski, and many others.

Q: Some of your favourite players from your time and later, please?

A: Pele, Bobby Charlton, Eusebio, Ocwirk.

Q: When did you commence coaching?

A: In 1958 when I coached Dinamo Zagreb for eight years, then Velash Mostar, Zagreb, then I went across to Crete and coached Ofi during 1969, '70 and '71. I returned to Dinamo Zagreb and went on to coach the junior and senior national teams of Croatia. In 1975 I went to Libya to coach Ahli.

Q: After that, where did you go?

A: I tried my luck in the United States and took over Metro Croatia in Toronto where I had some success when we won the NASL by defeating Minnesota in the Final, by 3 goals to nil, before a crowd of 52,000 in Seattle.

Q: Who were some big-name players you had at Metro Croatia?

A: The magnificent Eusebio was easily the biggest. He scored one of the goals in the Final.

Q: When did you arrive in Australia?

A: In 1980 to take over Croatia.

Q: What did you find upon your arrival?

A: Well the main thing was the club's complex about the St George team. In years before, St George would beat Croatia by 6-0, 8-0, etc. This had left a mark on the Croatia club and they had not forgotten.

Q: Why did Croatia win this year's championship?

A: Firstly because I believe we were the better team, an above all, we played very well as a team. Not as individuals. Secondly, we bought two excellent wingers in Peter Hensman, and later Hilton Slva, who brought with him from Sydney City much experience. My players such as Marijan Kovacic, Steve Watson and Bruno Vidaic never missed a game. They are wonderful players and all have a very good character, which I look for and must have in my teams.

Q: What does the future hold for you?

A: I honestly don't know. My contract is up with Croatia and I have not been contacted yet by the club as to what my future is for at least 1982. I would very much like to stay in Australia. It is a lovely country here. You have many many good young players that just need the right coaching and treament to come along into big-time Soccer.

Q: Has anything upset you about Australian Soccer?

A: I am an extremely easy man to get along with. But only a few months ago, in fact in your paper, you interiewed a leading Soccer referee and in that interview he stated that only Blanco, Rasic, Arok and Docherty were Soccer coaches. All the others were just FISHERMEN. I like fishing very much. I don't know if Thomson, Wallace, Abonyi, Watkiss, and others, like fishing. But I do. Sometimes fishermen catch big fish and it is nice. All these names I have mentioned were all great players and are still doing a very good job for their clubs. So are they fishermen? I respect them very much.

Q: What do you think of Australian junior talent you have seen since arriving in Australia?

A: Australia has much talent in junior Soccer material, and it's just waiting to be cultivated. The coaching system here is not doing the right thing by these juniors. Australia will not be at the World Cup Finals in 1982, mainly because everyone looks at the big-name clubs only, to supply players to the national squad. For example, during the Gutendorf era, Marconi, Heidelberg and Sydney City supplied the bulk of the Australian World Cup playing squad. Yet the first two of these clubs were going through a horror stretch in the PSL competition as their star players were out of form, but still they were being selected for the Australian World Cup team to battle against New Zealand. Why was this so?

Q: Do you have other interests?

A: Yes. I like basketball, tennis and table tennis very much.

Q: What qualities do you look for in a player?

A: Character, technique, elegance on the ball, and vision. The first is important to me. I am very happy with the character of all my players at Croatia. They are excellent boys and have made my task a pleasure.

With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

NSW HIGH SCHOOLS COMP

The New South Wales Regional Soccer championships for secondary school girls was held recently at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda, Sydney.

Played over two days, the championships attracted players from North Coast, Liverpool, North Sydney, Hunter, South Coast and St George districts.

In the final, the Liverpool region, coached by Mrs Trixie Tagg, the assistant coach for the NSW Women's Soccer Federation State team, defeated the Hunter Region (Newcastle Area) by one point in the overall point score.

The first combined high school girls' team was chosen after the last day.

The team selected will play a curtain-raiser game before the Secondary schools K.O. Cup for girls, to be played later this season.

The girls are: Kerry Dolan, Lee-Anne Miller (North Coast), Dana Andrews, Kim Lembryk, Silvio Kovaks (Liverpool region), Debbie Bonshore, Sally Billingham, Helen Watts, Lea Wright (Hunter region), Michelle Gillan, Chris Ashcroft, Rhonda Withers, Carol Proctor (North Sydney region), Wendy Jones (South Coast), Julie Daman and Faye Moxham (St George area).

The two stand-by players are Julie Cassel, a goal-keeper from the Liverpool area, and Shirley Darioux from North Coast.

The team to represent NSW in the youth squad competition has been chosen.

It is: Sue Ellen Nagal (goalkeeper, Manly-Warringah), Georgina Gellant (centre-half and captain Sutherland), Faye Moxham (full-back, Sutherland), Julie Ioannoy (full-back, St George), Dana Andrews (goalkeeper, Liverpool), Kelly Geoghegan (midfielder, Manly-Warringah), Leonie McAllister (midfielder, Ku-ring-gai), Rhonda Withers (forward, Manly-Warringah), Kim Lembryk (striker, St George), Chris Aschroft (forward, Ku-ring-gai), Sharon Tomlinson and Janelle Colby (both forwards from Manly-Warringah).

The team will play in Brisbane at the end of next month and will be coached by Trixie Tagg. Assisting her will be Leonie Parker from the Manly-Warringah Association.

The Under 15 Nthn NSW State squad has been named for the Eastern Coast Championships to be held in Brisbane.

The girls in the squad are:—

Donna Barlett, Debbie Woodward, Jennie Wilkinson (Central Coast); Helen Watt, Mardi Cameron, Leah Wright, Linda Hughes, Annette Leary, Debra Bonshore, Amy Tredinnick, Shelly Bagwell, Lisa Dunne, Mary-Helen Bourke and Louise Davies (all Macquarie).

The coach will be Lionel Sneyd with the assistant coach Gary Chamberlain.

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Last week, the ASF Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington, outlined the costs associated with the appointment of a full-time coach.

Mr Worthington also touched on the subject of women coaches being able to sit for their Level Three coaching award.

He said that when he was in Melbourne recently, he met the FIFA representative on the coaching administrative side and broached the subject with him.

The FIFA man agreed that actual participation on a person-to-person basis in a game situation, especially if one of the people was a woman, was just not on.

The recent State Directors of Coaching meeting confirmed that they did not want to change the present policy but stressed that apart from the physical contact, man-to-man situation, there should be no differences between men and women candidates doing the course.

Mr Worthington suggested that a solution to the problem of mixed courses would be to have a Senior Course for women only where the candidate would be assessed on her performance and qualify for the Level Three award.

CORRY, HOW COULD YOU!

By ALEX VESIC

Ron Corry, the star of many an international game of yesteryear, had two saves to make during the match and muffed it.

His first save was superb.

In the 14th minute Branko Culina let fly from a free kick just outside the penalty area and it looked curtains for Marconi as the ball sailed towards the corner of the net. Corry was equal to the task making a great dive to tip the ball around the post.

By coincidence, Blacktown's second shot of the game came in the 14th minute of the second half. Brian O'Donnell found space just outside the penalty area and shot towards Corry's right. O'Donnell's trusted left peg appeared to have let him down on this occasion as the ball went harmlesly towards the corner. But Corry dived over the ball misjudging the bounce and that was two points to the Demons.

Goal apart, the game produced a few sparkles which mostly involved the referee, Doug Rennie.

Tony Henderson was booked in the 13th minute of the first half for what looked a "dive" by Burrows; then in the 28th minute, Henderson charged into Culina and was sent off.

I'd say it was a little harsh on this tough competitor to be sent off amidst quite a few late tackles and some shoving and pushing without the ball.

To make matters worse, Tony Rasmussen was booked seconds after the Henderson sending off for a relatively harmless foul. I am sure Rasmussen knew why he was singled out — he was the first Blacktown player to tackle after the Henderson send-off.

Rasmussen was booked for a foul on Sharne, while Selvage got the same treatment for an offence on the same player.

Coloured cards aside, the game failed to produce the goods in the first half, with Blacktown not taking advantage of an extra player on the park.

The second half, however, livened up after the goal by O'Donnell, with Marconi clearly showing far more zest and trying to even the score. Bruce James made some superb saves, despite an injury, concealed from the people in the stands by track suit.

For Marconi, a general overhaul for next season appears imminent.

MARCONI: Corry, Brogan, Degney, Henderson, Mariani, Byrne, Housseini, Krncevic, Sharne, Jankovic, Hunter.

BLACKTOWN: James, Rasmussen, Milovanovic, Pointer, Selvage, Krstic, Hormazabal, Culina, O'Donnell (Jones 60), Burrows.

REFEREE: Doug Rennie.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Blacktown James, 3. Marconi Krncevic, 2.

ANOTHER DRAW FOR HEIDELBERG

By Peter Georgiou

Heidelberg United, paying the penalty for holding back after leading 2-1 at half-time, had to settle for a 2-2 draw with Brisbane Lions at Olympic Park last Friday.

Appalling weather conditions reduced the crowd to about 1,000 braves but the rain did not dampen the fighting spirit of the teams, which gave a good display throughout the game.

Lions went ahead through bill Williamson in the 10th minute but Heidelberg got its game together and equalised through Ken Taylor 14 minutes later.

Then five minutes before the end of the first half Bozikas put the Bergers ahead with a well-placed shot.

Lions pressed forward strongly in the second half while Heidelberg drew back, seemingly contented with a lead which ended four minutes before the end of the game when Daunt, who substituted for Ontong, split the points with a good header making it two-all.

That goal stunned Heidelberg but their last attempt to claim both points was unsuccessful as Bozikas, in front of an open goal, could not find the ball which was passing by him after a bad header by Selemidis.

Best for Heidelberg were Gary Cole, Bozikas and Taylor and from Lions Williamson and Steve Hogg.

Teams: Heidelberg: Olver, McMillan, Yankos, Yzendoorn, Provan, Rooney, Taylor, Selemidis, Bozikas, Paton, Cole.

Brisbane Lions: Lownds, Niven, Burns, Hermiston, Ferris, Wilson, McLean, Hogg, Low (Daunt 64), Williamson, Ontong (Ogden 81).

Referee: J Fern. Crowd: 1,000.

Man Of The Match: Brisbane Lions: Williamson 3. Heidelberg: Cole 1.

COSMOS COACH SEES DOUBLE DUTCH!

Wim Rijsbergen of the Cosmos

That brilliant Dutch World Cup star, Johan Neeskens is back in favour with New York Cosmos at last.

Neeskens was restored to the side recently after being on the outer since September 1980.

Coach Hennes Weisweiler, who has been conducting a running battle with Neeskens which many thought would see the player transferred, has made his peace with Neeskens.

Weisweiler said: "I am very impressed with his attitude and fitness." Neeskens said: "I'm grateful for the opportunity to play and I will grab my chance with both hands."

Neeskens is not the only Dutch international who has been in dispute with the Cosmos coach.

A month ago at the team's Chicago hotel before a match against Chicago Sting, Wim Rijsbergen almost threw a punch at Weisweiler but thought better of it.

When Weisweiler was asked why Rijsbergen was angry, he replied: "That player is always angry."

Wim Rijsbergen has always been critical of the Cosmos set-up. He once described Cosmos as "a circus". Rijsbergen no longer calls Cosmos rude names and he gives the German coach much credit for an improvement in the club.

Even so, there is still some animosity between coach and player.

Even though Weisweiler negotiated a new contract (and substantial rise) for Rijsbergen this year, he seldom praises the Dutchman.

When he wants to say nice things about Rijsbergen, he asks the press to quote him instead of talking directly to the player.

REFS PUT AWAY WATCHES

The controversial North American Shoot-out is here to stay — even though FIFA has frowned on this and other American ideas designed to jazz up Soccer.

Grounds in the NASL have now been equipped with time clocks which will automatically count down the five seconds allowed to players at shoot-outs.

The clocks will be behind the goals, which means the player trying to score will know exactly how much time is left and will be able to utilise his full five seconds.

Is the day of the robot referee about to arrive?

GERMANS LET IN FOUR GOALS

East Germany's World Cup preparations included a match against English first division champions Aston Villa at Villa Park.

The result didn't do much for the Germans' morale. They were on the wrong end of a 4 — 2 hiding.

Villa were in front 1 — 0 and 2 — 1 but allowed East Germany to equalise twice. Then, in the closing minutes, English international Peter Whithe shattered the World Cup defence by banging in two decisive goals.

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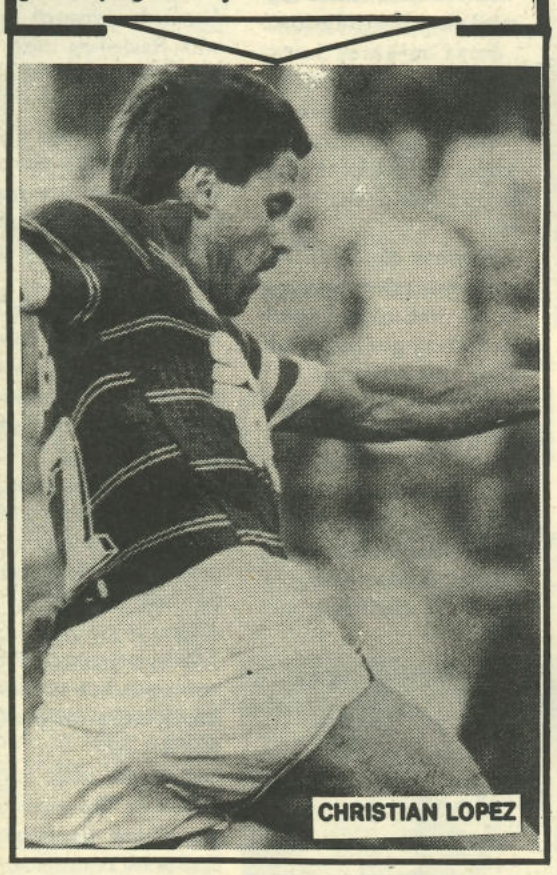
Dinamo Berlin (East Germany) gained a surprise 1-1 draw against French champions St Etienne in a preliminary round of the European Cup.

In the second leg in Berlin, St Etienne must now be outsiders. The return game is being played today (Tuesday).

St Etienne's captain, Christian Lopez, scored both goals in the first match. He put the Germans one up after 25 minutes with an "own goal" but shortly before full-time, Lopez made up for that slip with an equalising goal, cashing in on a goalkeeping error by Rudwallet.


CHRISTIAN LOPEZ

MORE WORRIES FOR GORDON

Referee Gordon Arrowsmith, who was kicked by a player in the Toronto International Tournament (ASW last week), was in more trouble when he handled the New York Cosmos v Montreal Manic game.

Montreal's Bob Smith and Cosmos Roberto Cabanas had a constant battle which ended in punches being thrown — so Arrowsmith sent both off the field.

Smith didn't like that. He tore off his jersey and threw it at Mr Arrowsmith!

NO MONEY FOR MARADONA

Boca Juniors, the Argentinian champions, are in serious trouble as they try to pay for their star player, Diego Maradona.

Maradona's move from Argentinos Juniors — said to be costing his new club up to $10,000,000 — is making the wrong sort of headlines now: in fact Boca cannot even find the first of four instalments due to Argentinos.

Boca are holding urgent talks with Argentinos in an effort to find a solution but there is little hope of the debt being settled.

This means Maradona will have to return to his former club. It will also revive European interest in this great player, who was rumoured, at one time, to be destined for Spain's Barcelona.

FOUR-NATION CHASE FOR PSV STAR

Clubs from four different countries are jostling to buy Dutch World Cup star midfielder, Rene van der Kerkhof.

Officials from clubs in Italy, Belgium, Spain and England are keen to sign the player from the Philips club, PSV Eindhoven.

Last week, it seemed England's Wolverhampton Wanderers had the inside running but they've now had second thoughts and could drop out of the auction.

Another English team, West Ham United, are now tipped to get Rene's signature. At 29, the Dutchman still believes he has plenty of football in front of him and he has said he'd like to play in England.

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FIVE OFF AS BOCA WIN THE TITLE

Four players were sent off in the first 15 minutes of a stormy Argentinian first division match between Boca Juniors and Racing Club — and the match finished with five sent off.

The game ended in a 1-1 draw and that gave the championship to Boca. Boca's goal came from Diego Maradona with a penalty kick.

There have been 181 players sent off in this season's Argentine championship.

"Marriage did it for Blochin", or at least gave this exciting Russian forward a new lease of life.

Near the age of 30, Blochin is the second top scorer in the Soviet championship and most believe that the present leaders have only this blond forward to thank for their runaway leadership in the race for the title.

The reason for it all?

Marriage to European and world title holder in gymnastics, Irina Deryugina.

MOSCOW GIANTS DRAW

Spartak and Dinamo drew 1-1 in an all-Moscow Soviet championship match.

Torpedo Moscow beat Chernomorets Odessa 3-0.

After 26 matches, Dinamo Kiev lead the table with 43 points, four ahead of Spartak Moscow. Dinamo Tbilisi are third on 34 points.

JAPAN UPSETS MALAYSIA

The Merdeka tournament kicked off in Kuala Lumpur with a 2-0 win by Japan against Malaysia.

Japan, who were in better condition than the home team, won the match before half-time with great goals by brillaint Masafumi Yokoyama. His probing raids were always a threat to slow-moving Malaysian defenders.

EUROPEAN SOCCER . . . RESULTS . . .

W. GERMANY

D'dorf — Bayern	1:2
Karlsruhe — B'feld	2:1
Cologne — Ein F'furt	2:0
Nuremberg — Hamburg	0:3

N. IRELAND

Ballymena — Ards	1:2
Bangor — Larne	0:2
C'ders — Glenavon	3:1
D'llery — G'toran	0:4
Linfield — C'ville	1:1
P'down — C'raine	0:1

Argentina beat Italian team Fiorentina 5-3 on Saturday night in Florence.

Scorers — Argentina: Passarella (49 minutes, 58), Barbas (67), Maradona (69, 71).

Fiorentina: Casagrande (26), Massaro (29), Bertoni (52). Attendance: 53,000.

SWITZERLAND

Aarau — Lucerne	5:1
Basle — Bulle	1:0
B'zona — Zurich	1:1
G'hoppers — Chiasso	2:0
Lausanne — Servette	2:5
St Gallen — Vevey	5:3
Sion — Nor Basle	3:2
Young Boys — Neuchatel	2:1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Servette	3	3	0	0	13	3	6
Basle	3	3	0	0	4	0	6
G'hoppers	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Young Boys	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Neuchatel	3	2	0	1	8	4	4
St Gallen	3	2	0	1	10	8	4

E. GERMANY

Lok Leipzig — K-Z Jena	2:2
KM Stadt — Ch Halle	2:1
H Rostock — Dy Berlin	1:1
V'waerts F/O — Magdebug	2:2
R-W Erfurt — Dy Dresden	4:0
CB Schkopau — En C'bus	3:1
S'ring Zwick — Wismut	2:0

HOLLAND

Roda — MVV	2:2
Utrecht AZ'67	1:0
Go Ahead — Maarlem	3:1
PSV — Nijmegen	3:0
NAC Breda — F'noord	0:1
Sp R'dam — Willem II	3:1
Groningen — Zwolle	6:2
The Hague — Twente	3:2
Ajax — de Draaf	9:1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sp Rotterdam	5	3	2	0	10	5	8
Ajax	5	3	1	1	23	6	7
Go Ahead	5	3	1	1	10	5	7
Twente	5	3	0	1	13	8	6
Groningen	5	1	4	0	12	8	6

AUSTRIA

Aus S'Burg — Rapid	1:1
Sp Post — V Linz	1:0
St Graz — Gak	4:1
Lask — Ad Wacker	3:1
Aus Wien — SWW I'bruck	3:0

PORTUGAL

B'nenses — Porto	0:1
Benfica — P'nense	2:0
Boavisa — Uni Leiria	1:0
Penafiel — Amora	1:0
Ac Viseu — Sporting	0:2
Setubal — Estoril	3:1
Espinho — Guimaraes	0:0
Braga — Rio Ave	1:0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Setubal	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Porto	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Sporting	2	1	1	0	4	2	3
Braga	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Guimaraes	2	1	1	0	1	0	3

ROMANIA

RV Chimia — Crai Uni	1:0
Bu Dinamo — Sp Student	3:0
Steaua — Pro Vulcan	2:2
H C'vinul — Jiul	5:0
Pitesti Ar — T Mures	4:1
Cl Napoca — Timisoara	1:0
T'viste — Constanta	2:1
S'cesti — Bacau	2:0
Ard — Brasov	1:1

IAN SOUNESS (R.) CUTS OFF JIMMY SHIRRA

pushed the mighty Slickers to the top of the PSL ladder.

In the 63rd minute, right midfielder, Joey Watson, playing some of the best football of his career this season, pierced his way through the tight South Melbourne defence, and cut back a magnificent ball into South's box, to find Johnny Spanos running in and smashing a first time shot that shaved the base of the right post.

Sydney City were now getting more frustrated in their search for the equalising goal.

In the 65th minute,it came.

Sydney City was awarded a free-kick out wide on the left, a solid 30 metres from goal on the angle.

Ian ('Chelsea') Sounesstood over the ball with two of his team-mates in short discussion. The South Melbourne'wall' went up, and slowly 'Chelsea' moved in and smashed a powerful, crashing shot, that cleared the top of the 'wall' and rocketed into the goal. WHAT A GOAL. The hardest on-target 'hit' I've seen for many a year. Goal Of The Century surely.

Within the next three minutes, shots rained in from Johnny Kosmina and Kevin Mullen that went close on target.

Again in the 85th minute, City was almost in again. Murray Barnes was clear on the left and in the box when he headed across to Johnny Spanos but Spanos' header was brilliantly saved by 'keeper,Peter Laumets.

For the visitors, the entire back-four men had good games, plus their midfield dynamo, Johnny Stevenson, who kept switching play with great passes up front.

For Sydney City, Jimmy Cant, John Kosmina, Joey Watson and Ian Souness, were outstanding. Their goalkeeper, Todd Clarke, still has many years of top Soccer left in him.

If Soccer crowds could be dished up week after week, the same stuff we saw in this match, Soccer would rocket as a spectator sport in this country.

It is no accident that these two teams are leading the PSL ladder. Both have tremendous skills, experience and quality in their ranks. These ingredients don't just happen. Administration obviously within these two clubs must take a bow.

Sydney City:Clarke: Mullen, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant: Watson, Spanos, Souness, Barnes Kosmina, Boden.

South Melbourne: Laumets:Bannon, Lutton, Xanthopoulos, Rogers: Campbell, Stevenson, Shirra, Buljevic. Evans, Wooddin.

MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD: Ian Souness (Sydney City)...4.

.....: Peter Laumets(South Melbourne)..3

PRESTON GET A QUICK GOAL

By Wally Bruce

Preston Rams continued their strong end-of-season surge by beating a disappointing Brisbane City Gladiators 2-1 at Spencer Park.

It was only the Gladiators second loss at home this season, and it was also only the Rams second victory on away soil, although they have now compiled quite a commanding unbeaten run.

The Rams had far fewer scoring opportunities but still came up with two goals, while City could produce only one from many more openings and that was the essence of the match.

In fact the game was only three minutes old when Preston drew first blood.

Isaac Farrell slipped through a neat pass which Claude Lucchesi accepted near the edge of the box. He waited until Kim Wishart came off his line before deftly placing the shot home.

Wishart later did well to save an awkward shot from Farrell which had taken a deflection.

City made plenty of inroads into the Preston penalty area, but although Willie Conner and Barry Kelso got through plenty of hard work, Richard Wilson was not really called on to make any memorable saves.

Then in the 37th minute, the City defence, which had conceded only 21 goals in 27 matches before this one, was made to look second rate.

Lucchesi wiggled his way round Jimmy Dunne on the backline and crossed smartly onto the six yard line, where Peter Ollerton was allowed a completely free and uncontested header.

After half-time, city came forward in numbers, with Steve Perry coming on as sweeper in a three-man backline, allowing Dunne to move into the middle.

The move should have paid dividends, but for some extremely poor finishing.

Kelso thrashed a shot wide when he had plenty of time to beat Wilson in the 49th minute and two minutes later, Paul Wilkinson again missed the easiest of headers.

But had it been on target, Wilson may well have saved it anyway, as he did to David Ratcliffe header later in the half.

Wilson also made one miraculous save earlier. Dunne, with his back to the goal, hooked a shot over his head and Wilson flung himself sideways in anticiapation.

But in the meantime, Bobby Hamilton sneaked in and helped the ball on its way, but Wilson in mid-air, threw his leg out to kick the ball away for a corner.

City at least kept hammering away but after a few near things, the best they could achieve was an 83rd minute goal from the hard-working Hamilton, who poked his shot under the diving Wilson.

City — Wishart, Vincenzino (Perry 4th), Dunne, Ratcliffe, W. Wilkinson, Pimblett, Gaffney, Hamilton, Conner, P. Wilkinson, Kelso.

PRESTON — Wilson, Rainey, Petrovski, McMillan, Beech, Boyle (McIvor 64th), Ollerton, Whittle, Farrell, Cullen, Lucchesi (Flavell 75th).

REFEREE — C. Amos.

MAN OF THE MATCH — Conner (BC) 3, Farrell (P) 3.

ALFIE STAMPS ON OLYMPIC

By Keith Gilmour

A magnificent goal three minutes from time from the boot of Newcastle KB stand-in striker Alf Stamp deprived Sydney Olympic of a win at Pratten Park.

The final 1-1 result before a wildly-excited 5,000 crowd somewhat flattered the Raiders, who were on the ropes for 15 minutes leading up to that magic goal.

There had been no score until the 81st minute, when inevitably Olympic got one home from an amazing sequence of danger-laden corners.

The pressure had been coming from Graham Jennings, directing long outswingers to the far corner of the goal area.

Then Derek Laing took a right-wing corner, which was flicked on from Andy Scott's head and Ken Wilson was unmarked and right in front to push the ball home.

Apparently this was the end, especially as Olympic continued to exert unbelievable pressure.

But Newcastle suddenly thought otherwise. Right-winger David Kamasz gained possession on halfway, made ground and transferred to David Jones.

He immediately switched play to substitute central striker Graham Heys, who veered out right and crossed a short ball to giant Alf Stamp who was lurking on the edge of the goal area.

Stamp made no mistake with a boomer that Gary Meier barely saw.

Throughout the match it was Olympic who had the running, using the ball to advantage but finding the absence of Mark Koussas hard to bear when it came to finishing off the good work.

Newcastle concentrated on high balls to the strikers, but they lacked proper direction and in any case the Olympic back four of Molulis, Scott, Wilson and Ziras was than Newcastle's equal in the air.

Their star was Joe Senkalski, who produced top international form, particularly throughout the first half.

Jim Redfern was used as makeshift central striker, but always looked more dangerous when he reverted to the wing.

Both sides created good scoring chances throughout.

None were better than in the 73rd minute when Stamp bustled past both Ziras and Scott only to see Heys sidefoot the ball over the bar.

And four minutes later, it was Olympic's turn to miss narrowly. Laing failed after a glorious run that featured Jennings and Redfern.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Moulis, Scott, Ziras, K. Wilson, Cross, Katholos, Laing, Gavin, Redfern, Jennings.

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Reaney, Endacott, Mason, Drinkwater, Senkalski, McLelland, Jones, Kamasz, Mountford (Heys 60m), Stamp.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Olympic, Scott, 3. Newcastle, Senkalski, 4.

JOE SENKALSKI, WHO HAD A GREAT GAME FOR KB, GATHERS A BALL AGAINST SYDNEY OLYMPIC AND SETS OUT FOR GOAL.

FOOTSCRAY CAN BREATHE NOW

FOOTSCRAY, six points away from the relegation zone with only two rounds left, can look forward to next year following its 2-0 win over Brisbane Lions, which was forced to back up after a game less than 48 hours earlier.

The game, despite the heavy ground, was entertaining and Footscray was on top of the tired Lions throughout.

Friday's game against Heidelberg looked like it took its toll over Lions as they could not match the speed and aggression shown by Footscray.

With striker Williamson marked right out of the game by the outstanding Kyriakouleas and with only McLean and Wilson left to do the work, Lions were just not good enough for the Eagles.

Led by the brilliant Slobodan Jovanovic, Footscray applied pressure right from the start and within six minutes forced a defender to clear a shot by Cozzella with his hand.

But, as Footscray appealed for a penalty, referee Chris Bambridge ordered play-on, thus sending the fans wild with anger.

Footscray appeared to have good cause for disagreeing with Bambridge's judgement of the incident.

Footscray, however, continued to press forward and forced Lownds to dive at Lujic's feet to make a last-ditch save after 24 minutes.

But Lownds stood helpless in the 36th minute after a scramble in front of his goal as Cozzella pushed the ball home from close range to open the scoring.

It was a nice finish to a good move engineered by Kondarios and Lujic.

Jovanovic and Milne were smoothly copoliting the Footscray machine, creating chances for their forwards, and four minutes into the second half Verweij crossed to Lujic who from close range made it 2-0 after first hitting the post.

It was, however, too early to relax and Footscray contiuned attacking..

The home side's defence allowed Lions few chances to score.

Lions came closest in the 73rd minute, when a header by Craig Low was headed off the line by Kondarios.

The final whistle sent the Footscray fans up in cheers and delight as their team made absolutely sure of another year in the league with perhaps their best pressure win this year.

Best for Footscray were Jovanovic, Milne and Kyriakouleas.

For the visitors, McLean and Wilson both had excellent games.

Referee: Chris Bambridge. Crowd: 2,000.

Teams: Footscray: Boland, Hazabent, Milne, Kyriakouleas, Kondarios, Jovanovic, Verweij, O'Reilly, Cozzella, Kakantonis, Lujic.

Brisbane Lions: Lownds, Ontong (Low 30), Niven, McLean, Hermiston, Burns, Hogg, Ferris, Wilson, Daunt, Williamson.

Man Of The Match: Footscray: Jovanovic 3. Brisbane Lions: McLean 2.

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WEEKEND FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

BRISBANE GLADIATORS V ADELAIDE GIANTS
DATE: Saturday, September 5. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
GROUND: Spencer Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - T. Davies. Linesmen - G. Nicholson, A. Kibbler.

ADELAIDE HAWKS V BRISBANE LIONS
DATE: Sunday, September 6. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Campbell. Linesmen - C. Barbo, T. Martell.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS V FOOTSCRAY EAGLES
DATE: Sunday, September 6. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Gabbie Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Reeves. Linesmen - A. Owens, P. Wood.

NEWCASTLE RAIDERS V HEIDELBERG WARRIORS
DATE: Sunday, September 6. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: International Sports Centre.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Nugent. Linesmen - A. Rodway, O. Scevak.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS V SYDNEY OLYMPIANS
DATE: Sunday, September 6. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Lambert Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - P. Rampley. Linesmen - B. Fowler, M. Loupis.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES V MARCONI LEOPARDS
DATE: Sunday, September 6. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Wollongong Showground.
OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Boskovic. Linesmen - G. Power, W. Lord.

STH MELBOURNE GUNNERS V CANBERRA ARROWS
DATE: Sunday, September 6. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Middle Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - E. Venios. Linesmen - C. Bambridge, N. Karlich.

PRESTON RAMS V SYDNEY SLICKERS
DATE: Sunday, September 6. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Conner Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Johnston. Linesmen - S. Mellings, M. Gaut.

Soccer Terms explained: No. 9

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE PREVIEWS

BLACKTOWN V FOOTSCRAY

By Alex Vesic

Homecoming to Sydney wasn't planned nor designed the way it happened for Rale Rasic.

He came back from Adelaide, obviously intent on success in the "big smoke".

His new club, however, did not fire and Rale will have to be content with the second last spot for 1981.

A far cry from his previous attempts in the League, and one which Rale is not going to cherish.

On Sunday, he will line up a team of Blacktown Demons against his old club and first Australian love, Footscray.

There is very little at stake in this game, except maybe the pride of one or two players or the contest between the two old team-mates, Rale and Ciro Cirkovic.

The first time the two sides met this year, Footscray won by a clear margin. Rale would love to win, if for no other reason then to square the account with his old mate Ciro.

Following their mid-week success over Marconi, the Demons have got back into the stride needed for a match of this kind. They are also free of relegation worries (it's out of their hands now), and for that reason their performance will certainly be geared to please the spectator.

Footscray has always been the side which entertained, and it is no secret that they wish to deliver some of their gifted skills to those who come to Gabbie next Sunday.

Zdravko Lujic, Zoran Ilioski, Dennis Boland, Suki Jovanovic and Jim Kondarios are already experienced PSL stars and need no introduction. The rest of the side is "heavy" with skill, but at times lack the punch to deliver a telling blow.

In contrast, Blacktown rely on a "shorter pitch" game, offside traps, and explosive attack, with Burrows and Jones as spearheads.

A game of tactics, almost certainly goals galore, one which should not be missed.

BRISBANE CITY V AD. CITY

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane Gladiators have two main reasons for wanting to overcome Adelaide City in the final home match this year, at Spencer Park on Saturday.

Provided they came though last Sunday's match against Preston unscathed, then a victory this week would enable them to finish the season with only one defeat at home (against Heidelberg) — a mighty effort.

Had they been able to produce just a little more in the away matches, the Gladiators and George Potter might have still been in the title race up to their ears.

But if you can't win the title, the next best thing of course is second and after their recent outstanding away win over South Melbourne, the Gladiators have a chance of achieving that aim.

The highest the club ever finished before was fourth in 1980. And to beat that record, the Gladiators will be hoping that the Gunners are shot down again.

Adelaide City's Bob D'Ottavi claimed his team was "robbed" by a home-town referee when Brisbane Lions downed them 2-1 earlier in the year, so that is big enough incentive to push for victory.

Both sides are capable of providing attacking, entertaining football, and Adelaide City is one club highly respected by the Brisbane patrons, so we could be in for a feast. Let's hope the atmosphere will be there, even though the match is a Saturday fixture.

NEWCASTLE V HEIDELBERG

by Ian Smith

Heidelberg are the mystery team of the competition. It is a puzzle why they languish in the lower area of the table.

Rooney, Yzendoorn, Selemidis, Campbell, Paton, Cole. These are players who should bind as a winning combination and, at times, have looked the part but they lack consistency and their home record is terrible. However, they have managed to score goals — more away ones than any other team in the competition.

Newcastle should note that, though it is unlikely their current defence will be greatly concerned. Reaney, Mason, Drinkwater, Tredinnick, Endacott and Sumner have all been effective, as any team who has encountered them at home in the second round will tell you.

With nothing hanging on the last home match against Marconi I predicted an open affair and wasn't disappointed. The same criteria should apply here.

If Joe Senkalski hits his straps and David Jones maintains his incredible work rate then Newcastle might do enough to win this, especially if Malcolm McClelland, back in the fold, is included in the front-line for Senkalski to work with.

I wasn't looking forward to the end-of-season matches, but Marconi changed my opinion. This match should really rip, and I tip a win to KB by the odd goal.

SOUTH MELBOURNE V CANBERRA ARROWS

By John Field

South Melbourne looked a great bet for the 1981 Philips League championships. . . .until they hit the skids a few weeks ago. What has happened to this once great side ? Coach John Margaritis admits the slump is worrying him severely.

Yet few people can blame Margaritis for what has happened. He lost that most valuable player, Alun Evans with an injury just when he needed him most. On top of this, the talented defensive strong man, young Steve Blair, was plucked out of the South Melbourne squad and sent to Indonesia with Australia's World Cup squad.

Other key players have been injured and this has made quite a mess of the smooth-running South machine. Even New Zealander Steve Wooddin had to take leave of absence to join in the 13 - 0 Kiwi romp over Fiji in Auckland.

Having made those points, it should be mentioned that there is considerable depth in the South squad and this is usually enough to overcome the temporary absence of one or two key players.

Their opponents on Sunday, the Arrows from Canberra, are a most difficult team to assess. I have seen Canberra turning on the style brilliantly, serving up a brand of football capable of shattering any opposing side. I have also seen them performing like a bunch of novices - as happened quite recently when theytook a terrible 4 - 0 hiding from a Leichhardt team which was way below top strength.

In other words, if we are going to make a forecast of how next Sunday's match will go, the big question facing us is. . . what mood will the Arrows be in ?

At this late stage of the season, with little incentive to produce a super performance, I feel we may see the worst, rather than the best, of Canberra.

If they approach the game in that mood, they will certainly invite trouble from a South Melbourne team which is anxious to get back into the good books of its many supporters.

It's South Melbourne for me. The Victorians are a very good side and class usually counts for a lot.

ADELAIDE HAWKS V BRISBANE LIONS

By Tom McKain

It's a Philips Cup final rehearsal at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday, when West Adelaide Hawks take on Brisbane Lions.

But apart from gaining any psychological advantage from a win, Hawks are desperate for points from their remaining games to impress the ASF and PSL when they reapply for the league next year.

A final winning League burst followed by a Cup triumph would perhaps be enough to sway the chiefs.

Coach Peter Jaksa wants to make as few changes as possible to his Hawks line-up, but he has interchanged players with great success during matches recently.

Peter Kowalski has done the early running up front, then Aldo Lorenzoni has taken over to add fresh punch.

It could be the same on Sunday.

But it looks as if he will stick with Shraga Topaz and Tom Forde as the centre-backs.

However, Ian McKie looks like being Vic Bozanic's replacement as one of the full-backs.

Jimmy Wright, starring again on the right or left wing, could also be used as an interchange man.

The fans have now got back behind their team, and apart from any confidence the Hawks have recovered, Lions will have to overcome the home-town roar.

Lions may have nothing to motivate them, but on paper they look sound — and they will also want that psychological advantage for the Cup final.

Jim Hermiston, Col Bennett, Paul Ontong and Alan Niven are a dour back-four.

And up-front, Billy Williamson and Craig Low can be match-winners.

If recent form comparisons are to be made, Heidelberg visited Hawks and won 5-0, while the Lions held the visiting Victorians 0-0 recently.

But form is fickle as far as the Hawks are concerned, and they appear to have all their fighting spirit back for the run home.

PAUL ONTONG WINS A TACKLE AGAINST MILLION-DOLLAR JUSTIN FASHANU

PRESTON V SYDNEY CITY

By Frank Petrovic

If form means anything, this match should be a "doddle" for the visiting side. This season's results indicate that Sydney City Slickers are one of the best teams in Australia: similarly, results also indicate that Preston are one of the poorest.

Yet Soccer is not always a story of logic, of black and white. The grey areas often contain the most unexpected surprises.

Although Preston have not enjoyed a sparkling debut season in the Philips League, it is significant that, when the pressure has been really on in the recent battle to dodge relegation, Preston have come up trumps.

They've turned in some great results just when they were most needed.

Peter Ollerton has fully justified his promotion to coach and is still a more than useful performer on the field.

Certainly the signings of Richard Wilson, Peter Boyle andIsaac Farrell made a huge difference to the side but will such players cause the Slickers undue distress ? I doubt it.

Slickers have been one of the most impressive of PSL teams ever since the League was first started in 1977. Their squad this year is better than ever.

In players like Joe Watson, John Kosmina and Kenny Boden, they have talent to burn. Throw in the excellent Ian Souness, John Spanos and that so-consistent goalkeeper Todd Clarke (plus a few others) and it is clear that Sydney City will present Preston with a mighty task on Sunday.

If Preston win, it'll be a major turn-up. I cannot see it happening.

LEICHHARDT V SYD. OLYMPIC

By Eddie Schwarz

While there may be nothing at stake for either side, I am sure this will be a match well worth watching.

Olympic have been one of the most exciting teams in Australia all this year, but Leichhardt can also turn on some sparkling football when they're in the mood. In their last home match, they pulverised Canberra Arrows even though Leichhardt were severely handicapped through a string of injuries.

Those injuries are not mending very quickly so it's possible Leichhardt will again have to field a makeshift line-up against Olympic.

That will suit coach Doug Collins and his goal-hungry Olympians. They have demonstrated more than once this year that they are difficult to stop when they're hunting for goals. In this match, though, Olympic will still be without those most important performers, Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Koussas. It is a double blow which will not be easily overcome.

Raskopoulos and Koussas, of course, are in Asia on Australia's World Cup business.

Yet such is the determination and enthusiasm in the 1981 Sydney Olympic, they are quite capable of geting two useful away points when they go to Lambret Park.

Leichhardt are certainly not the best side in the PSL, but nobody likes to play against them on the tight Lambert Park pitch. For this reason, I tend to go for the home team to win next Sunday.

I know it is a big gamble tipping Olympic to get beaten. As I said, they are essentially a goal-hungry outfit so this might mean a busy afternoon for young Greg Woodhouse. And they are good enough to make my prediction look silly.

Even so, let's not sit on the fence. Two points for Leichhardt is the forecast. Having made it, I shall now hide from my Greek friends!

WOLLONGONG V MARCONI

By Phil Murphy

If Wollongong City were a racehorse their supporters would be calling for the stewards to take a swab.

After losing 6-0 to Preston they outclassed highly-rated Adelaide City 4-1, only to lose at home 5-0 to Sydney City a week later.

This Sunday they take on Marconi, a team who also have their share of problems.

Coach Ken Morton is expected to "blood" one or two of his youth stars in this game.

Marconi will be keen to salvage something from a disappointing season, with strikers Mark Jankovics and Eddie Krncevic looming as a threat to the Wolves' defence.

Wollongong looked as safe as any team in the PSL at the back earlier in the season, but have since fallen apart.

They lack speed in vital situations and Marconi could punish them for this.

John Lathan and Lee Adam are holding their form in midfield and Wollongong could again have to rely heavily on this pair.

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AUSTRALIA 1981
for
FIFA World Youth Championship

By John Economos

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That's right. With only five weeks to go, Australia will be invaded by 15 Soccer nations who will be flying in their YOUNG CHAMPIONS to do Soccer battle with Australia for the magnificent Coca-Cola Cup, valued at $20,000, and currently held by Argentina.

One of the strongest challengers for the Coca-Cola Cup will be England and she means business this time.

ASW has been notified that England will be sending almost her best squad for the Championship.

England will be captained by West Ham's Paul Allen; previous fears that demands by the English League clubs would reduce England to a thread-bare squad, have now been squashed.

With such assurance, I strongly suggest England will be a tough nut to crack.

Who are some of the players coming with England, you may ask?

Paul Allen, the captain, is a deadly striker whom we saw in 1980's F.A. Cup Final when West Ham defeated Arsenal 1-0. Allen has played for England's Youth team more times than England's ex-captain, Bobby Moore.

Allen was the youngest-ever F.A. Cup finalist to appear on the Wembley pitch, at the tender age of 17.

Another outstanding player is Leicester City's midfield dynamo, Andy Peake, who has had more than 25 games in the first team. Last year when Leicester City beat Liverpool 2-0, Andy Peake crashed in one of the goals with a 25 metre shot that flashed past the stranded England goalkeeper, Ray Clemence.

England's tough centre-back is Chelsea's Colin Pates, who stands at 6 foot 1 inch, and will play in front of Aston Villa's goalkeeper, Mark Kendall, who conceded only two goals in five games during England Youth's European Championship run last year.

England goes into camp in two weeks time at her Lilleshall headquarters for three days in preparation for her invasion of Australia.

Remember folk, England hits the Sydney Cricket Ground on October 3. Tickets are now on sale for this magnificent Soccer extravaganza. Don't miss out if you love Soccer, as you may never have another opportunity in your life to see the best in the world LIVE. Contact your local club or Mitchells Bass outlets for your requirements (see opposite page).

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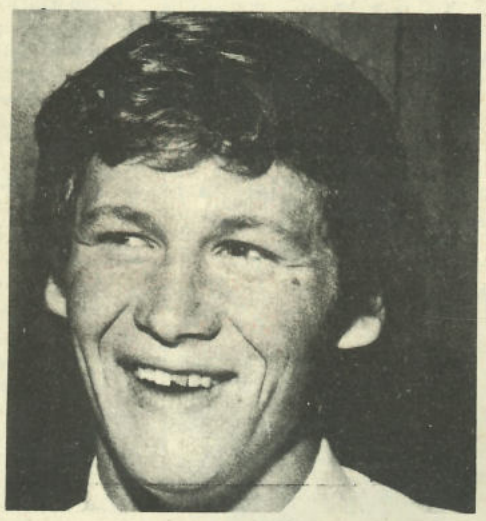
THE COCA-COLA CUP
AUSTRALIA 1981

No 11. HOWARD TREDINNICK



Born: 28.3.62, at Guyra, near Armidale.
Height: 5 feet 8 inches.
Position: Attacking left-full-back.
Previous clubs: Lake Macquarie (junior and senior). Then was spotted by Alan Vest and brought to his current club, Newcastle KB.
Favourite PSL player: Sydney City's Joey Watson.
Favourite overseas player: Kenny Sansom.
Favourite car: Porsche, but currently drives a Gemini Sandpiper.
Ambition: To do well at his job as an assistant surveyor. Also to have a good future in Soccer with his club Newcastle KB, and hopefully play for Australia as a senior Socceroo.
Music: Bob Dylan, AC/DC and Police.

Howard's favourite overseas club is Leeds United.

He is an outstanding future international prospect, with good ball control, solid defence, and is a good header of the ball.

Young Howard's special advice to kids playing Soccer is, spend extra time at training, and don't just do only the amount your coach sets out for you. Practice as much as you can with the ball. Get to the stage where you treat the ball as your special friend. Always listen to other people who are far more experienced than you are. They know better.

Howard was influenced, and encouraged greatly, by all members of his family.

As far as the World Youth Championship is concerned, Howard favours Brazil to win the Coca-Cola Cup.

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No 12. GRANT LEE

Born: 19.10.61 in Sydney.
Height: 5 feet 8 inches.
Position: Right midfielder.
Previous clubs: Lane Cove United and Ku-ring-gai, then signed by his current PSL club, Sydney City, since 1978.
Favourite players: Ernie Campbell and Johnny Kosmina.
Favourite overseas player: George Best and Trevor Brooking.
Favourite car: Lamborghini Countach, but presently drives an EH Holden for the time being.
Ambition: To do well in whatever he attempts, but as well as success, wants to be happy. Must do well in Soccer at all levels.
Music: Eagles and Jackson Browne.

Grant, a well-built, strong lad, has great ability in taking a player on in attack, and has very good speed with great acceleration.

As far as advising junior Soccer players, Grant states that they should all enjoy the game firstly, and never be nervous. They should play Soccer only because they love the game and NOT to take it seriously — just enjoy it. However, when they start to get older, they must accept very hard work as well as making many sacrifices for the game. Concentration is vital. Grant dropped tennis, golf, and squash to concentrate on Soccer.

For personal guidance in his Soccer progress, Grant is thankful to his mum and dad, as well as Mick Jones who pulled him into the NSW Team in 1979.

Who does Grant favour to win the Coca-Cola Cup in October?

West Germany because of their strong discipline. He feels Argentina lacks new stars at the moment, but reckons England is also in with an excellent chance.

Grant has the ability to play midfield, at the back and can play adequately up-front. A most useful player to have in any squad.

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Brewongle Standard	$ 8
Noble & Bradman Stands	$ 6
Sheridan & Concourse	$ 5
Outer Ground	$ 4

Pensioners & Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.45 pm and 8.45 pm.

ENGLAND V ARGENTINA
Monday, 5th October (Public Holiday)

Brewongle De-Luxe	$10
Brewongle Standard	$ 8
Noble & Bradman Stands	$ 6
Sheridan & Concourse	$ 5
Outer Ground	$ 4

Pensioners & Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

ARGENTINA V CAMEROON
ENGLAND V AUSTRALIA
Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Brewongle De-Luxe	$10
Brewongle Standard	$ 8
Noble & Bradman Stands	$ 6
Sheridan & Concourse	$ 5
Outer Ground	$ 4

Pensioners & Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. $1 in the Outer Ground for pensioners. Children free in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 7.00 pm and 9 pm.

QUARTER FINAL
Sunday, 11th October

Brewongle De-Luxe	$12
Brewongle Standard	$ 9
Noble & Bradman Stands	$ 9
Sheridan & Concourse	$ 7
Outer Ground	$ 4

Pensioners and Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

SEMI-FINAL
Wednesday, 14th October

Brewongle De-Luxe	$12
Brewongle Standard	$ 9
Noble & Bradman Stands	$ 9
Sheridan & Concourse	$ 7
Outer Ground	$ 4

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THE FINAL
Sunday, 18th October

Brewongle De-Luxe	$15
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ROMANIA V KOREA
BRAZIL V ITALY
Tuesday, 6th October. A double-header

Covered Grandstand	$ 8
Other Seats	$ 7
Outer Ground	$ 6

Pensioners and Children $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.45 pm and 8.45 pm.

BRAZIL V KOREA
ITALY V ROMANIA
Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Covered Grandstand	$ 8
Other Seats	$ 7
Outer Ground	$ 6

Pensioners and Children $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.45 pm and 8.45 pm.

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BRISBANE

LANG PARK

POLAND V QATAR
U.S.A. V URUGUAY
Saturday, 3rd October. A double-header.

Stand – Reserved	$6
Stand – Non Reserved	$5
Outer Ground	$3

Pensioners and Children $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

U.S.A. V QATAR
URUGUAY V POLAND
Tuesday, 6th October. A double-header.

Stand – Reserved	$6
Stand – Non Reserved	$5
Outer Ground	$3

Pensioners $1 in the Outer Ground. Children free in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

QATAR V URUGUAY
POLAND V U.S.A.
Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Stand – Reserved	$6
Stand – Non Reserved	$5
Outer Ground	$3

Pensioners $1 in the Outer Ground. Children free in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

CANBERRA

NATIONAL ATHLETIC STADIUM

MEXICO V EGYPT
SPAIN V GERMANY
Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Stand	$7
Outer Ground	$5

Pensioners and Children half price in the Stand and $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

QUARTER FINAL
Sunday, 11th October

Stand	$7
Outer Ground	$5

Pensioners and Children half price in the Stand and $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

NEWCASTLE

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE

AUSTRALIA V CAMEROON
Monday, 5th October (Public Holiday)

Stand – Upper Deck	$5
Stand – Lower Deck	$4
Outer Ground	$3

Pensioners and Children $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

QUARTER FINAL
Sunday, 11th October

Stand – Upper Deck	$6
Stand – Lower Deck	$4
Outer Ground	$3

Pensioners and Children $1 in the Outer Ground.
Registered junior players in playing strip admitted free to the Outer Ground.
Kick-off 3.00 pm.

ADELAIDE

HINDMARSH STADIUM

SPAIN V EGYPT
GERMANY V MEXICO
Saturday, 3rd October. A double-header.

Stand – Covered	$6
Uncovered Seats	$5
Outer Ground	$4

Pensioners and Children $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

GERMANY V EGYPT
MEXICO V SPAIN
Tuesday, 6th October. A double-header.

Stand – Covered	$6
Uncovered Seats	$5
Outer Ground	$4

Pensioners and Children $1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

3RD & 4TH PLAYOFF
Saturday, 17th October

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Uncovered Seats	$5
Outer Ground	$4

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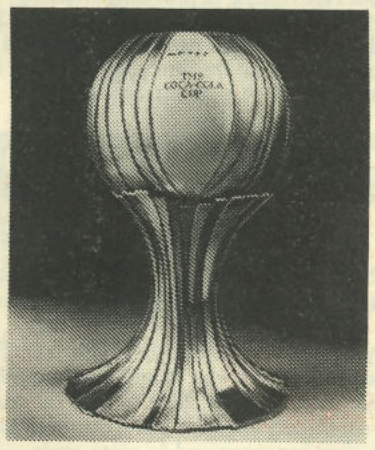

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Five years of dedicated goalkeeping training and playing in the Manly-Warringah representative teams has paid off for Martin Herbert, who has been selected for the NSW Under 13 team to play in Darwin.

Martin, along with Sean Lahiff and Warwick Tingle, have been playing exceptionally well this year, with top performances each week.

Martin becomes the sixth goalkeeper from the Manly Warringah Representative teams to gain selection in the last five years. The other goalkeepers selected for Manly-Warringah representative teams this year are:

Under 10: Daniel Riddle, Phillip Moss; Under 11: Gavin Nesbitt, Grant Morrow; Under 12: Sean Lahiff, Brett Hughs; Under 13: Martin Herbert, Warwick Tingle.

Clark Woods,
Goalkeeper Coach

LEICHHARDT WINS PARRA CUP

Leichhardt's crack Under-16 team added the Parramatta City Cup to the NSW Youth League championship when they defeated Canterbury 4-3 at Garside Park.

Leichhardt took a 3-1 lead, but Canterbury fought back gamely to 3-3 before Leichhardt wrapped it up.

The club also has its eye on the State Championship, which will be decided after press time.

The final was well-attended, and competition organiser Dick Bates expects that it will be even more popular next season.

POLONIA KO CUP

Finals in each of the three grades will be played at Chopin Park, Plumpton, on Saturday week, September 12.

Semi-final results are: U14: Manly 2, Nepean 0; Sutherland 3, Blacktown Assn. 0. U15: Blacktown City 4, Manly 0; Illawarra 2, Gladesville 0. U16: Manly 1, Nepean 0.

The Sydney Olympic v Riverwood U16 semi-finals is being replayed as the rule calling for extra time and then penalty kicks if required was not adhered to.

QUEENSLAND WINS PRIMARIES

Queensland Primary Schools, coached by Alan Waldron and managed by Barry Lott, ended New South Wales' long-time dominance of the Australian Primary Championships.

The Queenslanders took the Dunlop Footwear Trophy in what is believed to be their first-ever win in the series. Dunlop also provided boots and winners' medallions.

Final points were Queensland 9, South Australia 8, NSW 7 and ACT 0.

The Blacktown City club helped to make the series one of the best, if not the very best, ever staged.

Results were: Qld 4, ACT 1; NSW 3, SA 1; ACT 0, NSW 6; ACT 0, SA 1; Qld 1, NSW 0; NSW 2, ACT 0; SA 1, Qld 3; SA 3, ACT 0; Qld 0, NSW 0; SA 2, Qld 0; Qld 2, ACT 1; SA 2, NSW 1.

A crowd of 400 was on hand on Thursday, and on all other days over 200 were present.

Next year's championships are expected to be played in Canberra, advises NSW convenor Richard Lorenc.

John Palapanis, from Kingsford under 12, a member of N.S.W. under 12 team.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER

UP THE HUNTER!

Newcastle has quite probably the best organised school Soccer in Australia — which region in Australia will challenge them with some facts on their district?

In NSW the Hunter Region, comprising the Hunter River Valley and adjoining areas, has won out again.

At primary schools level they are the champions, both in open grade and under 10.

They went so well that four of their players made the NSW squad of 14 for the Dunlop Footwear trophy.

They played against ACT, South Australia and Queensland, with Victoria missing out.

The series took place at the Gabbie Stadium at Seven Hills and some great Soccer was on show.

In the open grade final played at Armidale the Hunter team drew 1-1 with Illawarra in the final and, as holders, they retained their title.

At Kellyville the Hunter boys ran out 1-0 winners over Metropolitan West A.

In the U10 semi-final between Hunter and Liverpool the Hunter team converted a 1-2 half-time deficit into a meritorious 6-3 victory.

In this match David Smith (West Cessnock), Geoff Sidebottom (West Wallsend) and Cameron Hudson (Edgeworth Heights) were outstanding.

Jason Falzon, Brett Taylor and Boris Dragicevic (Fairvale) and Jeff Taff (Milperra) were Liverpool's stars.

Runners-up Metropolitan West were well served by Matthew Bringley (Merrylands East) and Karl Gruenhofer (Tregear). The open NSW team selected is: David Scott (Beresford), Ian Padewski (Coledale), Mineo Bonetig (Mount Warrigal), Steven Refenes (Gladesville), Darron Benson (Laurieton), Andy Mihalj (St Marys South), Scott Gilmour (Mt Riverview), Craig Brown (Banksia Road), John Palapanis (Eastlakes), Guy McLachlan (Hillsborough), Craig Penfold (Boolaroo), Ian Bull (Garden Suburb), Mark Beagan (West Wallsend), Philip Carter (Woonona). Coach Tim Crozier (Boronia) Manager Richard Lorenc (Boronia).

The Hunter Region winning under 10 team proudly show their pennants after the recent championship at Kellyville.

CROATIA DEAKIN U15 EXCEL IN A.C.T.

What a year Croatia Deakin Under 15 first division team is having in the Canberra competition.

In eight games this season they have scored 52 goals, and have only two against them. That surely is a record to be proud of.

Put together by their manager and assistant coach Mario Ikic and under the guidance of manager and coach Sabrija (Sabby) Paskic, success seemed to be instant for this team.

Judging by the team's performance against their nearest rivals, Melrose Comets, their success should continue.

Their manager says the reason they are successful is that he treats his players with respect and understanding. He has confidence in his players, and in the style of game they play.

With a leader like Link Thurecht on the field, they should not go wrong.

Against Melrose this young man really set an example for his team-mates to follow.

Their good work on the field, and the friendship that exists among the players applies off the field also.

(L/R): Mario Ikic (manager and assistant coach) S. Paskic, D. Calder, L. Thurecht (Captain), J. Miloroza, D. Tomas, Z. Vukulic, B. Matijasevic, M. Kovacevic. Front Row: D. Perajic, J. Vrkic, K. Livas, S. Junakovic, A. Miloroza, G. Cerro, D. Lerga.

PSL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Goal Pts	Diff
Leichhardt	23	14	5	4	52	30	33	+22
Marconi	24	14	4	6	61	26	32	+35
Newcastle	24	12	8	4	48	39	32	=
A.I.S.	24	14	3	7	66	41	31	+25
Sydney City	23	8	10	5	56	34	26	+22
Olympians	24	9	6	9	40	31	24	+9
Wollongong	24	8	3	13	30	54	19	−24
Blacktown	22	3	3	16	28	61	9	−33
Canberra	22	1	2	19	19	84	4	−65

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED WEEK ENDING

WED. 26-8-81
MARCONI 7 Vs 0 BLACKTOWN Scheinflug 4 (1 pen) (H.T.2-0) Tomasich, Morson, Swain.
SUN. 30-30-8-81
WOLLONGONG 5 Vs 3 CANBERRA O'Donnell, Campbell (H.T.4-0) Ridley, Williams, Thompson 3, Kringle. OLYMPIANS 2 Vs 3 NEWCASTLE Ankudinoff, (H.T.1-0) Storey, Kerby, Green, Cotton. LEICHHARDT 2 Vs 1 MARCONI McKie, Savidis. (H.T.2-0) Johnston.

With an excellent 2-1 win over closest rivals MARCONI the young LEICHHARDT STRIKERS took out the innaugural Philips Youth League title, whilst still having a game in hand. At Pratten Park the northerners NEWCASTLE leapfrogged over the A.I.S. side into equal second spot with the unhappy MARCONI club.

In the match of the round at Marconi Stadium the young Strikers took command of the game in the first half and John McKIE put them in front in the 15th minute when he volleyed into the net from close range after Shane Hall had flicked on a free kick. George SAVIDIS put them further ahead in the 35th minute when he headed home a Shane HALL cross. In the second half the MARCONI boys threw everything into attack and they were rewarded when Stuart JOHNSTON scored after a Joe PICIOANE free kick. The Fairfielders continued to press forward and came close on several occasions. However as the match wore on LEICHHARDT gradually regained control and George SAVIDIS and Robert De CIGLIE both missed chances in the closing minutes. It was fitting that the title would be decided in this fashion with the two top teams playing each other in a do or die effort and the victor taking all the spoils. Best for Marconi; Joey RIZZOTTA and Tony VENERI. The best for Leichhardt ? I'll quote coach John GREEN who said, "The whole team, they did everything they were asked to do. I told them before the game that they had to stand up and be counted this week; and every one was counted."

In an attractive match at Pratten Park the OLYMPIANS went down 2-3 to the NEWCASTLE RAIDERS, after leading 1-0 at half time. The Olympians had full control of the game during this period with the Raiders rarely venturing into their half. However the second half was a different story and in a purple patch in the first 20 minutes of the second half was a different story and in a purple patch in the first 20 minutes of the half, in which winger Tony CAVAN was prominent, the Raiders capitalised on defensive mistakes to take the lead with goals from Grant STOREY, Bernard KERBY and Robert GREEN. Roy COTTON pulled one back late in the game for the demoralised Olympians.

In Canberra at the Bruce Stadium the young Wollongong WOLVES defeated the young ARROWS side 5-3 after leading 4-0 at half time with goals from Kevin O'DONNELL, Clive CAMPBELL and Craig THOMPSON (2). But the ARROWS gave them a fright in the second half when they fought back brevely to 4-3 with goals from Terry RIDLEY. Harry WILLIAMS and Steven KINGLE. However Craig THOMPSON scored his third and his team's 5th goal in the 84th minute to put the result beyond any doubt.

Best for Wollongong; Craig THOMPSON and Ray VALESTRA, who along with Zefco HRSTOVSKI was selected in the 'Australian' C.H.S. team this week.

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES
SUNDAY 6-9-81
BLACKTOWN CITY Vs CANBERRA CITY
12.45pm GABBIE STAD

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Paul	SCHEINFLUG	(MARCONI)	22
Michael	McLAUGHLIN	(A.I.S)	19
Alf	STAMP	(NEWCASTLE)	15
Danny	WRIGHT	(A.I.S)	15
Grant	LEE	(SYDNEY CITY)	13
Chris	TOWNSON	(OLYMPIANS)	13
Graeme	FLETCHER	(SYDNEY CITY)	12
John	BRADLEY	(LEICHHARDT)	10
Robert	DE CIGLIE	(LEICHHARDT)	10
Craig	THOMPSON	(WOLLONGONG)	10

PETER RUSSELL

BRIAN EMERY . . . JUNIOR OFFICIAL TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR

By Keith Gilmour

The youth Soccer movement throughout Australia, and in NSW in particular, has reason to be proud that Brian Emery was chosen as World Youth Championship Director.

Heading up a $4 million sporting extravaganza, which includes some of the brightest under 20 footballers across the world, is no small feat.

Emery's grip on affairs, which have called for international standard arrangements for accommodation, food, internal travel, office space, communications, referees, grounds, etc, has won much admiration.

Emery himself is a cool operator, and it is only under questioning that his underlying abilities come to the fore.

With contingencies, the Australian Soccer Federation has to recover $1,234,000 on current figures, and it is the gate receipts to which they must look.

His partner in the present enterprise is Peter Bent, Director of Sports Programs for The Coca-Cola Export Corporation.

Coke has handled the World Youth Championship for FIFA, and are involved for approx $3 million in their sponsorship of the finals.

The FIFA agreement gives them recovery rights for television fees. TV cover goes overseas to in excess of 50 countries.

Should they obtain a surplus, the amount involved is donated back to FIFA for re-investment in Soccer development programmes.

The logistics of the championship call for endless attention to detail, and provision for the changes to every aspect of the plan as they occur.

Instantaneous translators are needed for officials and press cover the four official languages of the championship at all times — French, Spanish, German and English.

An interpreter service, extra members coming in the parties from different countries, availability of coaches to the Media, early arrival of parties for acclimatisation purposes, retail store and other advertising, assistance to FIFA and the disciplinary, referees and technical committee meetings all must be arranged.

"The Young Champions" publication mailing went to 1,509 Soccer clubs throughout Australia, and the aim is to continue it to build up the liaison between the National and State bodies and the playing strength of the code.

In one sense, Brian Emery's main task ends when the FIFA party flies in, as their 40 members are in control of the Championship.

But no doubt Emery, whose local knowledge and ability is well respected by FIFA's Sepp Blatter, will be on hand throughout just as he was when the huge Manly-Warringah Association was in its formative years, and when he was secretary of both Sydney Branch of the NSW Amateurs and of the huge Sydney Branch.

Maybe a few of those grey hairs will whiten over the period from October 3/18.

But from the opening ceremony at Melbourne's Olympic Park to the final at Sydney Cricket Ground, the World Youth Championship will provide much of Australia with the greatest cavalcade of Soccer that it has seen.

GLADESVILLE OFF TO COFFS HARBOUR

BACK ROW (L to R): I. Maclennan (manager), R. Henry, I. Wood, J. Sara, M. Denina, A. Grace, P. Oppedisano, J. Moore (coach).
FRONT ROW: G. Clancey, A. Moore, I. Maclennan, R. Morrison, J. Kelly, R. Jackson, D. Meek.

Some may feel that the Gladesville Hornsby under 12 representative team have a secret code when they hear their coach Mr Jerry Moore calling instructions from the sideline in his broad Irish accent.

Perhaps it is undiscernable to the opposition but it is understood and respected by the boys in his team.

When he refers to them as "Bloomin' CONVICTS" it is with affection and this is the spirit, friendly but disciplined, which prevails throughout the team.

It has not been because of "the luck of the Irish" that this team has done so well this year.

Rather it has been the hard work of all the boys, the team spirit and the wonderful support of the manager Mr Ian MacLennan and all the parents.

In the Metropolitan Championships this team had a victory over leaders Granville, the only team to do so.

During the May school holidays the Gladesville Hornsby team gained a commendable four in the NSWASF under 12 tournament and is looking forward to the knockout competition which they have been invited to participate in at Coffs Harbour in the September school holidays.

The team will be entering the Mini Ampol Cup competition.

Then it is "look out all opposition teams next year" from this team, who wear with pride the Gold and Black of Gladesville Hornsby.

VALENTINE COMPLETES NEWCASTLE TREBLE

Newcastle made a clean sweep of NSW Primary Schools honours when Lake Macquarie area school Valentine won the Umbro KO Shield.

Coached by John Farrington, they defeated Balgownie from the Illawarra region 2-0 in the final at the Gabbie Stadium.

They were rewarded by a new set of strips from tournament sponsors Umbro International.

The Newcastle Region had already won the NSW Championship in both the open and Under-10 grades and finished with a fine treble.

Valentine downed another Newcastle side in Edgeworth 1-0 in their semi-final.

Balgownie and Beresford Road were locked at 2-2 in the other leg, but the Coasters went on to win 8-5 on penalty kicks.

Edgeworth defeated Beresford Road from Metropolitan West 4-2 to take third position.

CHULLORA END YEAR IN STYLE

"We don't finish the season with just a big barbecue," says Chullora Wolves president Bob Wozniak.

For starters, the U11 team plays in Dubbo on September 20 in the opening round of the Champion of Champions tourney.

But that is only part of the picture, because the Wolves entertained 13 teams from Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie at home last weekend, with their own U13 team going to those two centres for reciprocal matches.

On September 4/6, Chullora will have U10, U11 and U13 teams playing out in the MIA at Griffith, and other U10 and U11 teams and an U12 team will be competing in Wagga.

It is a record in the advancement of Soccer which will be difficult for any Australian junior club to beat.

SUCCESSFUL ILLAWARRA U11s (& CHEER SQUAD!)

The successful Illawarra under 11 team certainly do things in style.

The boys play in the State finals in Cootamundra at the weekend and, as usual, will have their own cheer squad.

The girls appear at all games the Illawarra team takes part in and they even have a large coloured hoop for the boys to run through onto the field.

The team is made up of primary school boys from Thirroul to Kiama.

Last year they won their division of the State titles in Albury and are unbeaten in two seasons.

Managed by Doug Troth and coached by Pat Rolet, the boys have shown the benefit of last season's experience.

Recently they played the Dapto under 12 side in a curtain-raiser to a Wollongong Wolves' side and won 1-0.

—Phil Murphy

The outstanding new publication to come across the junior and schools desk at AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY this sear is "Southern & Eastern Soccer News". Edited by Steve Serda and Joe Marton, it is typical of the drive in S & E, the Association that performed the miracle of jumping from a handful of teams to some 220 in recent seasons.

Here is some of the action in this match between two of the "kindy" teams of Kingsford and Randwick Police Boys clubs.

The Dundas United team, runners-up to Manly Vale in the 1981 under 18 State Cup final conducted by the NSW Amateur Federation.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

BRAD EARL looks back on an eventful 1981 season in the Coca-Cola Bottlers NSW State League

AUBURN'S ANTI-CLIMAX

After making the semi-finals in 1980, Auburn's season turned into a real anti-climax this year. The significant point must certainly be that they finished with the second lowest tally of goals scored (24), and this can be directly related to the long injury spells to marksmen Dennis Daley and Steve Leak. Without those two, the side always looked weak up front.

Throughout the year, Auburn brought in a number of youngsters who did the club proud — Darren McInerney, Wayne Bates and Paddy Sullivan in defence, and Rod Brown in the front-line. However the side's survival from relegation would not have been so if one J. McDonald hadn't been in the team. "Johnny Mac" held the team together superbly, particularly in the last half of the season.

Worst defeat — 0-7 v St George (away).

Best win — 2-0 v Manly, v Bankstown; 3-1 v North Sydney (all home).

COACHING WOES AT AVALA

Avala's poor season, always on the brink of the relegation zone, can be accredited to the disturbance caused through three coaching changes. Kaz Kulak started the season and was doing a reasonable job until he was "relieved" of coaching duties after 10 rounds, then came Doug Utjesenovic and two disastrous months, before Slvko Rosic took charge for the last nine games. However, more importantly, the playing ranks were affected mentally by these changes, particularly after Kulak's departure.

The signing of Warren Turnbull and Neil Pearson on loan from Blacktown Demons mid-way through the year added some extra style to the side. The defensive record of the team was one of the worst in the league, and at times the side appeared to "give in", and not play the football they were capable of, in the face of defeat.

Worst defeat — 0-7 v St George (home).

Best win — 4-0 v North Sydney (home).

DEFIANT BANKSTOWN

Bankstown's 1981 survival will be remembered for quite a while. A side that sat on the bottom for 10 consecutive weeks, was four points adrift prior to the last five matches, and then finished the season in third last spot, deserves credit. After a fighting 0-1 defeat at St George, the players promised me they'd get 10 points from their five remaining games. They got eight, with two points dropped at Croatia.

The Town were capable of turning on attractive Soccer when they put their minds to it, and players like Wally Lachowicz, Chris Rootsey and Greg and Glen Lynch have "quality" stamped on them.

Worst defeat — 0-4 v Melita (away), v St George (home).

Best win — 5-1 v Polonia (home).

HOT AND COLD BERRIES

Right from the start of the season, Canterbury were turning in dull performances one week, and brilliant efforts the next, which saw them fall from 1980's fourth to their end-of-season ninth this year. Three different coaches — John Xipolitas, Steve Stojic and then the full circle back to 1980 coach George Barbouttis — didn't help, as the side was almost continually changed throughout the year.

Neil Williams never set the world on fire after winning the Rothmans Medal the year before, and the two players who probably had the best year of all were Mark Barton and 12-goal Ross Brown. The Berries suffered the ignominy of letting in the highest number of goals in one game when St George beat them 9-1, but they gained revenge with a 1-0 victory over the Saints in the Philips Cup.

Worst defeat — 1-9 v St George (home).

Best win — 5-1 v Sutherland (home).

CROATIA WIN NARROWLY

Croatia finished as NSW premiers for the fourth time in the past five years, but the thing that highlighted their win was the number of narrow victories they recorded — seven by a one-goal difference, and six by two goals. They only filled top spot 10 weeks compared to St George's 16, but the one that counted was the last one, and Croatia clinched that after their historic 3-0 victory over the Saints in the fourth last round.

The team included many individualists, and never clicked 100 per cent until the last couple of months of the season. The magic of the Brazilians Marcos Silva, Nelio Borges and Hilton Silva, the rugged midfield play of Tom Steven and Marijan Kovacic, the unselfish wing service of Peter Hensman, the safe keeping of Steve Watson, the neat defence of Alex Kovacic and Bruno Vidaic, the versatility of Kevin Coleman and Bobby Pagano — it certainly made a very attractive team and worthy champions.

Worst defeat — there weren't any! (three draws — 0-0 v Polonia, 1-1 v St George, v Manly: all away).

Best win — 8-1 Monaro (home), although 3-0 v St George (home) was the most crucial.

MANLY BIG IMPROVERS

Manly had a reasonably successful season, finishing seventh, particularly as they have been near the end of the table in previous years. Of interest is that they finished with a goal difference of only -2, the best of all the bottom nine teams, and they only conceded 36 goals, which shows they had one of the best defences in the league. Probably the most memorable feat for Manly was the 1-1 home draw against champions Croatia.

The removal of coach Terry Stone after only six rounds seemed unnecessary at the time, but one cannot deny that the greater experience of his replacement, Mick Jones, found hidden strengths in the side. The three pre-season English additions, Stuart Regan and the Falconer brothers, added more quality to the side, while German defender Udo Kramer and mid-season signing Terry Smith put more muscle in, to complement the skills of Dudley Fox, David Jack and Bruce Doyle.

Worst defeat — 0-4 v St George (home).

Best win — 5-0 v Avala twice (home and away).

MELITA OVER-SHADOWED

The Eagles may have finished 11 and nine points behind Croatia and St George respectively, but if the two top teams were taken away — Melita "won" by a clear seven points! For the first 11 weeks, they were level-pegging with the other two, but from then on it always looked as if they would have to settle for third billing. And when it got to the stage where the side couldn't make second nor slip to fourth, it must have been tough to keep performing every week.

However, the team was always capable of putting on attractive "shows", and in fact this was what the Eagles were best at — entertaining — under a coach, Vic Dalgleish, who was always aware of the need to please the crowd. Ray Farrugia, Terry Jones, John Stoddart, Terry Greedy and Hector Martinez all had flair, but there was the necessary balance of hard-work, in Vernon Darvill, Greg McCoy, Paul Daley and Mick Berry. Still it would have been good to see the side under a major challenge through to the final round. It's interesting to note that they recorded four draws in the last four matches.

Worst defeat — 1-3 v Croatia twice (home and away), 0-2 v St George (away).

Best win — 8-0 v Parramatta (home)

MONARO COP BUCKETS!

Monaro, despite finishing sixth with the fourth-highest tally of goals scored, continually came in for criticism this year over "dubious home-town refereeing decisions" in Queanbeyan and their rugged style of play. They must be given credit for their effort with one of the smallest squads in the league, but they won little praise for their style of football. Significantly, Monaro had one of the highest, if not the highest, send-off rates this year.

Ian Heywood was always capable of winning a match on his own, while the young goalkeeper, Gino Caputo, won several plaudits. The basis of the team, however, was fairly and squarely in central defence, with Bob Noble and John Santolin very strong. The fact that Noble finished as second-top club scorer must highlight the lack of depth, however.

Worst defeat — 1-8 v Croatia (away).

Best win — 6-0 v Riverwood (home).

NORTHS' NIGHTMARES

After looking like they were pulling safe from relegation around the middle of the season, with five teams beneath them for a number of weeks, North Sydney plummetted down the table at the end, finishing second last equal on points with Parramatta. They had been second last for four weeks from round seven to 10 (ironically propped up by Parramatta), but they picked up steadily, particularly through the influence of the brilliant midfielder Tom Steven. However the number of injuries to, and departures of, important players took too much out of the side, with players like Steven, Alex and Jim Bottalico, Bob McGinn, Allan Gibson, Jay O'Rourke, Vic Lilli and Robbie Youseph missing for various reasons, and the experience of Frank Leyden and Norrie Porter missing from the start of the year.

Despite almost being in ruins financially, the club, to their credit, have fostered many youngsters this year, but towards the end they were being thrown in the deep end. And things must be getting very desperate when a great name from the past like Archie Blue, the club's assistant coach and secretary, has to make a first grade comeback to plug the gaps.

Worst defeat — 0-6 v Croatia (away).

Best win — 2-0 v Auburn (home), 3-1 v Riverwood (home).

POLONIA — "THREE MAN TEAM"

Semi-finalists Polonia were definitely 1981's surprise team. To fill fourth spot and make the Ampol Cup Final in their first year back in the top division was quite a pat for a side that looked very weak in some departments. In fact Polonia are widely known as a three-man-team — and that they only got as far as they did because of the form of goalkeeper Ziggy Kalinouski, sweeper Tony Galas and stopper and captain Ricky Budini. The first two came in a parcel of four Polish internationals, and Polonia would have been lost without their experience.

Although those three players were the stars, nothing should be taken away from the capabilities of players like Salle Maitre, Billy Zounis, Gary Noble, Anito Budini and Ben Divani, as well as the other two Poles, Henry Sobczyk and Ziggy Garlowski. Polonia always seemed to be one of the "chasers" throughout the year, and didn't nail fourth-placed Sutherland until the very last round. They were the only team to win points from both Croatia and St George (0-0 against both at home), and they had a very good second half of the season, with only one loss in their last 15 games.

Worst defeat — 0-6 v St George (away).

Best win — 4-0 v North Sydney (away).

PARRA WOODEN-SPOONERS

Parramatta City received the 1981 wooden-spoon award, after sitting on the bottom for 10 weeks and finishing on 15 points, behind North Sydney on goal difference (their -36 difference was the worst in the league). Parra were always a dour side this year, conceding unnecessary goals and not scoring from chances they created. The signing of Jim Herron and Willie Hamilton was a stop-gap move which never really paid off, and two other additions — Vic Juchniewicz and Steve Montgomery on loan from Croatia for the last half of the year — came too late to stop the slide.

Although the side had a number of Clydesdales, there weren't enough thoroughbreds for the team to turn in stylish, consistent point-winning performances.

Worst defeat — 0-8 v Melita (away).

Best win 3-1 v Bankstown (home).

TOPSY-TURVY RIVERWOOD

The up-and-down form of Riverwood, under champion coach Atti Abonyi, was one of the biggest mysteries of 1981. They were hit by a number of injuries to major players, but the real problem in the side throughout the year was the inability to score goals (their final total of 28 was third lowest of all teams). However, an interesting fact is that they zoomed up the table early in the year, moving from last to fourth in the space of only five weeks.

Abonyi brought in many new players for this season, and through the year he promoted a number of youngsters, like Gavin Landon, Brett Higgins, Seruf Kumsuz, Jim McRorie, Clive Beardow and Ian Rydstrand, to plug the gaps created by the many injuries.

Worst defeat — 0-6 v Monaro (away).

Best win — 3-0 v Avala (home).

SAINTS' "HALO SLIPPED"

What can you say about St George? Many observers rated them a better team than Croatia, but when the crunch came, they dropped three points out of four against Croatia, and that was suicidal. Coach Frank Arok told everyone at the start of the year that his squad was virtually unbeatable, with so many players in reserve. However, his decision to sell Paul Kay and unload Dave McIntosh, Roy Cotton and Peter Beggs all on loan after the season started probably proved the difference between winning and losing the competition, because the first team players were allowed to get complacent; plus the number of "easy" wins against teams who for some reason had greater resistance when they played Croatia.

Also, I think no-one realised the effect Billy Griffiths had on the side. His mid-season injury certainly took its toll on the team, as his free-running, unsophisticated enthusiasm between midfield and attack had a big effect on the team's style of play. A similar player who was seen all too rarely in the team is David Skeen.

Worst defeat — 0-3 v Croatia (away).

Best win — 9-1 v Canterbury (away).

SUTHO SNARED AT POST

Sutherland held fourth spot for 15 of the last 16 rounds, but they missed the one that counted — the final round. They only needed one more point and they would have been through, but it's no use crying now. At one stage, coach John Watkiss criticised the players for some lack of commitment, and that was probably the fault in the side, plus a lack of concentration at crucial moments.

The Haynes-Dal Forno-Donnelly-Hesford-Cashman defence was one of the best in the league, conceding only 24 goals, but at the other end of the field the front-runners failed to score enough goals. There wasn't enough depth in the side either, so consequently first team players had little pressure on them for their positions.

Worst defeat — 1-5 v Canterbury (away), 0-4 v St George (away).

Best win — 5-0 v Auburn (away).

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

STODDART RETURN VITAL FOR EAGLES

By Brad Earl

John Stoddart's late inclusion after a nagging groin injury was a vital move as Melita fought their way to a 1-0 win over Polonia in the NSW Coca-Cola State League semi-final.

Stoddart has had the injury for a number of weeks and has played with it, but it was aggravated in Monaro and it looked as though he would miss the entire final series. But the news came through at 10-30 on Sunday morning that he would be able to play.

John Stoddart

And play he did. Stoddart's skills were a delight, even if he was lacking in speed.

It was from Stoddart's corner that Melita scored their winner, four minutes from the end of the game. Hector Martinez flicked the ball cleverly back over his head from the near post, and Don Allan latched onto it from 10 metres out to score with the defence caught napping.

Polonia had played well, particularly in the first half, and could have been 2-0 up after only five minutes.

In the first minute, Anito Budini broke on a run but couldn't finish, and then Ben Divani found himself with a clear chance to score, only to sky the ball.

Polonia relied on the speed of Anito Budini and Graham Sookee to break a Melita defence that tried to employ the offside trap, but the skill of finishing was badly lacking from Polonia.

Coach Tony Komoder expressed regret that Polish import Henry Sobczyk couldn't communicate better with the local players, particularly Anito Budini.

Melita were content with using the flanks throughout against two inexperienced full-backs, as down the middle they had to contend with the guile of Tony Galas and Ricky Budini.

Those two players each had to make vital saves off the goal-line.

Ricky Budini cleared in the 21st minute, when Melita's Greg McCoy tried to scramble the ball in, and then Galas had to save six minutes into the second half, when Terry Jones shot past the stranded keeper, Ziggy Kalinowski.

Kalinowski wasn't at his brilliant best, but still made some very good saves. In the 35th minute he had to make three excellent saves in quick succession, and in 76 mts, he tipped a Stoddart free-kick over the crossbar.

Polonia continued to push forward on typical fast raids, but Melita's extra skill always looked like getting them through in the end — although if the match had gone to extra-time, Melita looked as though they might have tired sooner than Polonia.

Then Melita got their match-winner. But just as it seemed the game was all over, referee Peter Rampley awarded a free-kick inside the Melita penalty area after a four-step infringement by the goalkeeper.

However Polonia could only blast the ball into the wall, and before they could do anything on the rebound, referee Rampley blew for full-time.

Stoddart's inclusion was vital for Melita, who were always trying hard, if not spectacularly. Other players to shine were Martinez, Vernon Darvill and Ray Farrugia, particularly in the first half.

For Polonia, Kalinowski, Galas, Ricky Budini and Gary Noble had capable matches, while Anito Budini impressed with his speed.

Polonia had four regulars out — midfielder Ziggy Garlowski suspended, and injuries to full-backs Salle Maitre (a twisted ankle), Billy Zounis (groin), and striker Stan Lemanczyk (head injuries suffered in a car accident).

MELITA: Greedy, McCoy, Berry, Daley, Campbell, Darvill, Stoddart, Farrugia, Allan, Martinez, Jones.

POLONIA: Kalinowski, Isherwood, Jirsa, Galas, R.Budini, Divani, Noble, Sookee, Sobczyk, A.Budini, Dickson.

AMALGAMATION OR MOVE FOR NORTHS?

North Sydney turned on a much-improved performance to defeat Parramatta 2-0 in the relegation play-off and clinch their spot in the State League next year.

The first goal came in the 42nd minute when Shane Wilson scored from close range after Parramatta goalkeeper Dennis Donovan dropped the ball.

John Morsello scored the second in the 74th minute, after Brad Mitchell had beaten the full-back and chipped for Morsello to net from an acute angle.

Morsello had come on as substitute for Tony Wilson.

Sweeper and assistant coach Archie Blue was also replaced, by Robbie Lucchesi, after pulling a muscle.

Parramatta were awarded two dubious penalties in the last 10 minutes, but they didn't have any luck, as the first struck the post and the second was well saved by goalkeeper Paul Katsivelas.

Allan Gibson came back into the North Sydney side at right-back, and Bobby McGinn returned in the centre of the midfield, and his presence made a big difference.

Parramatta are now doomed to First Division for 1982 — their centenary year — after five years in the State League, since it was revamped in 1977 with the start of the Philips League.

Their coaching position is now vacant as well, with Mal O'Neill only in charge for the last three matches.

What's the future for North Sydney? Archie Blue says there is the possibility of amalgamation or a change of district for 1982, but the general feeling in the club is they will remain as the same entity next year.

The clubs who could be involved with an amalgamation deal are Yugal, Fairy Meadow and Wollongong United.

"Because of financial problems, in the long run we may have to amalgamate," Blue said. "It costs us $50,000 to $60,000 a year in the State League, and that's the same as it cost us in our promotion year in 1979. It doesn't cost any more in the State League compared to First Division.

"If we got a decent sponsorship — say $20,000 — it would be different. We certainly have sufficient players for the State League next year.

"We may have to have a change of name and move from North Sydney to a new district, with the support of that district. We get no assistance from North Sydney Council and the people of North Sydney. We only used North Sydney Oval for about half a dozen games this year."

AUBURN — Coach Ray Smirthwaite was reappointed for 1982 last week.

The club are confident of landing a major sponsorship for the 1982 season soon, and another encouraging sign financially is that their licenced club has substantially increased their commitment from the $10,000 given to Soccer this year.

Secretary Fred Parker says that if they do get a sponsorship, the club will aim to retain all their promising youngsters from this year, possibly make a few signings, and also kick off the Youth League teams once again.

The third grade side won the premiership this year, and finished with the third highest State League goalscoring total for all grades, behind the St George and Croatia first grades. These young players came from the Youth League teams and from the Gladesville Association.

Parker said the one major way Auburn can hold on to these youngsters is by giving them the prospect of proving themselves in first grade.

Two young midfielders who could come through into first grade next year are Tony McDermott (17), who has had his leg in plaster with ligament trouble, and 22-year-old David Polzot, who has the talent to make first grade but lacks confidence after a Tserious knee injury. Polzot was signed from Marconi earlier this year.

Two players signed on loan this year, Barry Jones and Jim Izatt, are likely to return to their clubs (Marconi and Blacktown Demons respectively). Jones never settled, and "disappeared" a few weeks ago, while Izatt is likely to return to Blacktown.

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Melita second grade side, coached by ambitious Paul Falzon, pipped St George for second place in the last two rounds of the season. There are a number of players in the squad who have made first grade appearances this year, including Wayne Parker (presently injured), Vic Gauci and George Fallah. One key player, John Hughes, left for England last week due to a family illness.

NSW FEDERATION PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 6/9/81

3rd Grade	Auburn v Sutherland Shire 11.30
2nd Grade	Croatia v Melita 1.10
1st Grade	Croatia v St George 3 pm

ALL MATCHES AT SYDNEY SPORTS GROUND

RIVERWOOD — George Harris has set his target date for 1982 as January 1 — if his leg, which he broke in his second game for Riverwood early in the season, is in good order at the New Year, he'll keep going. If not, he might decide to retire from playing.

"I hope to be able to play again, and it's a bit of a challenge to get back," Harris said.

"Riverwood have been very good to me this year and I'd like to pay them back next year, and in the years to come. I'd like to keep playing for another three or four years."

Harris said he would seriously consider taking up coaching at the end of his playing career.

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Polonia's David Jirsa has made a courageous comeback in recent weeks from injuries sustained when the former Aollongong United player was attacked earlier this year.

Jirsa, usually a striker, was switched to left-back in the last few games of the season, and quite successfully too.

David must be used to changes like that — he is a qualified school teacher, but hasn't been able to find a teaching job. So he's currently working as . . . a brickie's labourer.

NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

WITH BRAD EARL

FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS, ASW WILL LOOK AT VITAL PLAYERS IN THE NSW STATE LEAGUE FINALS

BRUNO VIDAIC

CROATIA

Position: Sweeper (central defence).
Birthplace: Italy.
Date of birth: May 10th, 1959.
Nationality: Croatian and Australian.
Occupation: Physiotherapist.
Married: No.

Career background: I played junior football with Yennora and Fairfield Diggers. Then I played grade football with Auburn from 15 through till I was 19, then I joined Croatia, and I have played with Croatia for the last three years.

Honours: I played for New South Wales State 16s and 18s and I was selected in an Australian under 18 squad; plus winning two championships.

Biggest thrill in the game: I've got a couple — winning the championship undefeated this year and being captain would be the biggest, and winning the Australian Under 18 Championship and being selected in the Australian national squad at that level.

Biggest disappointment: In 1979 when I broke my cheek and nose and consequently couldn't play for the rest of the season and in the semis.

Ambition: To win the Grand Final this year, and, with the club itself, go on to bigger and better things, and personally, like every player, I aspire to play for Australia.

Opinion of the State League: It's a harder league than most people realise. I think this surprised St George, because they took the State League a bit too easy. It is poorer than the Philips League, apart from three teams.

Best other State League team: St George and Sutherland.

Best State League players: The Croatia squad, plus there are a few other young blokes going around who are very good. Rod Brown of Auburn is potentially one of the best. Also Stoney and Davies of St George, and Steve Leak, who, barring injury, is one of the best players around.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: If I do, as a junior coach with youngish players, say 10s, 11s, 12s, who will listen and you can give advice to.

Prospects for play-offs: I think St George will obviously be a hard game. The team that gets the upper hand early will go on for a big win. We have something to prove — that we are worthy champions. I think we have the wood on St George, and so will Melita. I'm tipping a Croatia-Melita Grand Final, where we will beat Melita.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

Illawarra

Phil Murphy

Shellharbour won the premier league title with a game in hand and three players had a special reason to celebrate.

They are goalkeeper Jeff Robinson and defenders Ian Mowbray and John Lloyd.

The players didn't miss a game in the premiership.

Mowbray was probably one of the team's most consistent players at centre-half.

Coach John Bingham clinched the premiership for the Southern team when he scored the only goal against Bulli.

That win put Shellharbour three points clear of Fernhill and Coniston with one round to play.

Shellharbour won promotion back to premier league at the start of the season with substantial sponsorship from Shellharbour Workers' Club.

The Soccer club now has 15 junior teams from under 7 to under 17.

This is proof that the strength of Illawarra Soccer has moved from the north of Wollongong to the south.

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Fernhill will contest the premier league semi-finals this weekend and coach Daryl Glover is confident they are grand final material.

Glover should be well-known to Sydney Soccer fans of a few years back.

He played in goal for Safeway United in the Federation competition.

Since then he has made a successful switch to centre-half with Bulli and now Fernhill.

Glover has a young side but has worked hard to mould them into a very good combination.

Two of his more experienced players are defender Peter Tolias and goalkeeper Justin Norris, who are both playing well.

Fernhill look to have plenty of striking power for the semi-finals.

The Hill is fortunate to have Gary Pruks and Peter Thompson, as both have plenty of speed and get goals.

Then there is Steve Quinn, scorer of four goals in one game this season.

He is a perfect foil for the other two front-runners and if you throw in the over-lapping of full-back Grant Isedale Fernhill has a lot going for them.

Dapto officials have been inquiring about making their new home in a $600,000 sports complex at West Dapto.

The complex, being built by South Coast greyhound people, Dapto Australian Rules Club and Avondale Rugby League Club, could be ready this time next year.

They will apply for a liquor licence in October and if successful will start building immediately.

Dapto Soccer Club has been playing on Lakelands Oval but the ground is something of a joke in the district.

The Club has to find another ground to have any chance of getting back into premier league.

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Bellambi have retained their place in premier league after battling through the season with an inexperienced side.

They lost Tony Gill (broken leg) and Fritz Hebben (ankle injury) and this left coach John Frew with a team of teenagers.

Included among these are some very promising youngsters, such as fullback Phil Muhlbauer and goalkeeper Gio Riso.

Riso played under 18 with Fernhill last season and is the smallest keeper in the league.

Bellambi finished the season taking at least a point off each club except premiers Shellharbour and Shoalhaven.

In one game against Shoalhaven, the side fielded five 18-year-olds and three 17-year-olds.

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• Cringila are proving the most consistent side in premier league these days.

Led by 40-year-old Vasco Jankuloski, the Cringila defence has let very few goals through in the second round.

The club have big plans for next season, involving a total cost of $2,000

They will spend half of that amount on more improvements to Crehan Park, including new floodlights.

The other $10,000 will be spent on new players.

Coach Vasco Sekuloski says if he can strengthen two or three positions Cringila will be a real premiership threat next season.

Sth Australia

Tom McKain

Adelaide City's reserve goalkeeper is 19-year-old Rick Migliaccio,

• Campbelltown's Lou Pivetta could become the first goalkeeper to win a Rothmans Medal in SA when the count for the best player takes place on Friday at the Joe Oberdan centre.

In his favour is the fact that he is with a middle-of-the-table team, which is not well-endowed with stars.

And that is where Azzurri striker, Wally Bojczuk, a previous winner, could lose out on the referees votes.

He will be pushed by midfielders Stewart Blair and John Francis, plus big defender Robbie Dunn.

However, Bojczuk, the league's top scorer, did win the SA Division of the Australian Soccer Press Association Award.

Two Croatia players stand out as chances — midfielder Steve Caggiano and defender Peter Herd.

At Polonia they're backing full-back Ian Di Bartolo, while Adrian Santrac is a favourite at Beograd.

Robbie Vransik will be a Port Adelaide hopeful, although Geoff Booth, the big midfield defender, will have taken a lot of votes.

Bobby Henderson is again tipped to poll well for Elizabeth, while Para Hills hopes will rest with Harry Bell and John Fyfe.

Deposed player-coach Mike Ball could be the top vote-getter at Cumberland, while Noarlunga's captain-coach Terry Wetton and Danny McAuliffe could give the list a shake.

Last year's winner was Elizabeth's Garrie Dooley, and the other two winners Bojczuk and Bobby Tuffs, when the latter was with Victoria.

Previous to that there had been the John Martin Medal and the West End Medal.

• Birkalla topped the Second Division, but what a finish!

In the final round Adelaide City's PSL reserve team beat West Adelaide 1-0, while Brighton was beating Birkalla 3-1.

The result was a finish which read — Birkalla, West, City all on 30 points, parted only by goal difference.

Birkalla's read 48 goals for and 23 against, while West was 41-22 and City 44-29.

Brighton finished fifth with 26 points.

Windsor finished bottom after being reprieved last year when Taperoo went out of existence.

Victoria, relegated last year, finished in sixth spot with 23 points.

• If West Adelaide Hawks are relegated from the Philips League, the SA First Division is expected to be increased from 10 to 12 teams.

The Hawks will automatically be readmitted to First Division, a clause which was inserted in the constitution when the PSL was formed.

If they do return, it could mean a reprieve for Cumberland, who finished bottom of the table.

However, no decision can be made until the ASF and PSL decide the fate of Hawks.

Just as a matter of interest.

If West Adelaide's reserve team, which plays in the SA Division, had won that competition to gain promotion to First Division, there would NOT have been two West Adelaide teams, presuming the Hawks are relegated from the PSL.

The SA Soccer Federation Board had decided that only one team would represent West — the PSL squad — in First Division.

• Although he topped the league scorers' list, Wally Bojczuk failed to reach one goal.

He had set himself a 20-goal target, and finished with "only" 19.

Here is the list of leading scorers:—

19 — Bojczuk (Azzurri).
10 — Bell (Para Hills).
9 — Evans (Beograd).
7 — Manolev (Azzurri), Boyle, Santrac (Beograd). Key (Para Hills).
6 — Arezina (Beograd), Koza (Polonia), Uranjek (Port).
5 — Iannace (Azzurri), Caggiano (Croatia), D Leane (Cumberland), McAuliffe (Noarlunga), Typek (Polonia).

• Not the best ending to the season for Port Adelaide goalkeeper Rick Migliaccio.

He dislocated a thumb in the last game against Campbelltown, and injured a knee which may now need an operation.

It was thrill-a-minute stuff in the SA Federation Cup quarter-finals last Saturday with three games going into extra time, two into penalties, and one with two men from the same team ordered off.

And on those performances it could be anyone for the final after the semi-finals at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday. The draw was still to be made as we went to press.

The clearest win last week was by Polonia, 1-0 in normal time over Port Adelaide at Polonia Reserve.

But Port were reduced to 10 men in the 38th minute when Alby Todd was ordered off for a foul tackle.

And in the 72nd minute Geoff Booth was sent off the field for another foul challenge.

Glen Durrant had scored the vital goal in the 19th minute when both teams were at full strength.

Referee, Mike Browning, got a roasting from the Port fans and it must be admitted he appeared card happy, having flashed five yellow ones before the two red.

The tragic feature of the Booth dismissal was that it was the big defender's last season, and it was sad to see such an illustrious career end with a send-off.

The major upset was Para Hills knocking out Beograd, the cup holders.

And what a way for the Giants to go — 8-7 in a penalty shoot-out.

The score was 0-0 at full-time and after extra time.

League champions, Azzurri, went up country to Whyalla Croatia and had to go into extra time for a 2-1 win over 10 men.

Fittingly enough, it was the League's top scorer, Wally Bojczuk, who won the match.

With Whyalla leading 1-0 the striker was brought down in the 89th minute and from the resulting free kick big defender Robbie Dunn scored to equalise and take the game into extra time.

Before he took the free kick home centre half, Robert Schoell, was sent off for the tackle on Bojczuk.

The latter then got the winner in extra time.

Modbury, the only second division club left in the tournament, made a valiant stand at Noarlunga where the score went to 2-2 before Noarlunga won 5-2 on penalties.

Azzurri is still favourite to take the Cup although, depending on the draw, Para Hills could be the outsiders.

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Northern NSW

Ian Smith

Northern NSW State League
by Ian Smith

The minor semi-final played at Coffs last weekend went into extra time due mainly to a great performance from Twin Towns' goalkeeper, John Marshall. With some spectacular saves in the second half he kept the Tamworth strikers at bay after the half time score had been 1-1. A cross from Tamworth defender, Baker, was turned into his own goal by Meadows and then Twin Towns equalised.

The score remained the same at full-time and the deadlock was finally broken when Hearfield struck home the winner for Tamworth to put them a further step on the road to a major premiership.

The under-19 major semi-final was also won 2-1 by Tamworth with goals from Perryman and Hamstead and, despite a spirited fightback by Lismore, which scored through Dargie,

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Lismore will have to go the long way around to get into the Grand Final.

Due to the controversy surrounding Wallsend the final points table was not available last week and appears this week.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stewarts and Lloyds	18	14	2	2	52	15	30
Weston	18	13	3	2	47	19	29
Tamworth	18	11	2	5	31	23	24
Twin Towns	18	9	5	4	25	21	23
Adamstown	18	7	3	8	37	34	17
Lake Macquarie	18	8	1	9	29	30	17
Coffs Harbour	18	6	4	8	30	33	16
Wallsend	18	4	3	11	16	31	11
Belmont Swansea	18	4	0	14	22	40	8
Armidale	18	2	1	15	15	61	5

ALBURY IMPROVES

Albury Hotspurs proved the growing potential of Albury-Wodonga as a Soccer centre when they went down narrowly to NSW Southern League big-timers Croatia Deakin.

The Corrys Rd crowd was swelled to over 600 due to the strong Croatia support.

Hotspurs were unlucky to score early when Miller failed to crack home a rebound from the goalkeeper following a Porter drive.

Deakin scored from a penalty, and although Albury were behind twice by two goals they pulled up to 3-2, with the visitors proving slightly the better combination.

ENTHUSIASTIC GOSFORD FOR STATE LEAGUE

by Keith Gilmour

Gosford has taken the big step of applying for membership of the Northern NSW State League for 1982.

This was announced in Gosford by Bill Northam, president of the Central Coast Soccer Football Association.

"We had preferred to play in Sydney, but it has reached the stage when we must make a move so our application has gone in to Newcastle," Mr Northam said.

The possibilities of Soccer in Gosford were emphasised when a crowd of over 2,000 saw a thrilling Norman Ross Cup final at Graham Park Gosford, when outsiders Wyong got up to defeat Umina United 1-0.

The proposed State League club will use either the centrally-situated Graham Park on Wyong's main ground, Baker Park, as its headquarters.

Northern NSW is likely to have another strong State League applicant for next year in Lismore, which for years has been the best Soccer centre on the North Coast.

Gosford's move shows what is needed in the Sydney district at both Penrith and Campbelltown.

The Young Socceroos' match at St Marys, drew over 5,000 recently. If the Penrith Leagues' club would realise their chance the Nepean area would have a major club.

Campbelltown, the satellite city, needs a big boost also.

Back on the Central Coast, Doyalson's Graham Bird reports that the local club is sure of promotion to the Northern NSW First Division after defeating Lambton Jaffas 5-1.

A lot of credit goes to player-coach Alan Parkinson.

Umina United are at home in the Presto Premier League after winning the Wyong Motors Cup.

Former KB coach Alan Vest will give a practical session for the local Coaches Federation on September 7.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE ROUND 21 ROUND-UP

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully Ajax	21	16	2	3	44	10	34
Essendon Croatia	21	11	6	4	39	19	28
Croydon City	21	9	7	5	40	23	25
George Cross	21	11	3	7	28	18	25
Doveton	21	6	12	3	27	25	24
Hakoah St Kilds	21	6	8	7	27	40	20
Northcote City	21	7	5	9	32	44	19
Frankston City	21	7	4	10	33	35	18
Ringwood City	21	7	4	10	31	42	18
Sunshine City	21	7	3	11	29	34	17
Juventus	21	6	4	11	20	36	16
Altona City	21	2	4	15	22	45	8

RESULTS:

DOVETON 3 (Cherrie, Bone, Thurlow) — FRANKSTON CITY 3 (Egan 2, Buchanon);

GEORGE CROSS 0 — NORTHCOTE CITY 0 HT 0-0;

GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (McLeod 2-1 pen.) — CROYDON CITY 0 HT 1-0;

HAKOAH ST KILDA 3 (Jordanou 2-1 pen., Davidson) — ALTONA CITY 2 (Watters, Inness — pen.);

JUVENTUS 2 (Heery, Cunningham) — ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Brown);

RINGWOOD CITY 2 (Greener, Tom -pen.) — SUNSHINE CITY 0 HT 0-0.

TOP SCORERS

20—I. Loughnane (Croy)
19—Egan (Frank), McLeod (GG)
12—Sahinidis (North)
11—Toal (GC)
10—Inness (Alt), Mitten (Ess)
9—Pate (Sunsh), French (Hak), Greechan (GG)
7—Sinclair (Ring), Greener (Ring), Cherrie (Dove)
6—O'Reilly (Ring), Vasic (North), Adams (Ess), Brogan (Ess)-Includes 2 for Croydon, Buchanon (Frank)

Victoria

Greg Blake

A succession of missed second half chances by George Cross strikers Bobby Toal and Jim Paparis against Northcote City on Sunday halted their team's bid to cement a place in the Victorian State League top four with one round remaining. Had their badly out of form front men tucked away even a single one against a disappointing Northcote, Georgie would have moved into third place two points clear of Doveton.

Doveton and George Cross clash next week in the cut-throat decider.

After their 0-0 draw with Northcote they must now win or draw the vital clash next week to hold their place.

Doveton, a point behind Georgie on 24, will get in only if they win.

Croydon City, in third place, would have been in the hot seat had George Cross won.

In a carnival atmosphere at Green Gully the home side, celebrating their first championship, beat Croydon 2-0.

However Croydon's superior goal differnce assured them of a State League Cup berth.

Last week Essendon Croatia's title chase came to a grinding halt against Ajax.

This week the wheels fell off as they went down to Juventus 1-2 with the latter still fighting desperately to haul themselves away from relegation at the last gasp.

Juventus must beat Croydon next week and need Sunshine, at home to Hakoah, to lose to stay in the State League in 1982.

The 'Shiners showed no fight whatsoever against Ringwood City at Jubilee Park and went down 2-0.

Hakoah won for the first time in six weeks when they beat Altona 3-2 and in the other Victorian State League match on Sunday Doveton and Frankston shared the points in a six goal thriller.

With the league title decided the spotlight falls on the possibilities for relegation and top four honours.

At the bottom of the league Altona are down and joining them will be either Juventus, Sunshine or Ringwood City.

Frankston have a vastly superior goal difference to the others and are safe.

The tension around most grounds with the enthralling battle for final positions on in earnest was not apparent out at St Albans on Sunday.

Real carnival atmosphere was the order of the day as Green Gully celebrated their first ever State League championship with a 2-0 win over Croydon City.

It was a real championship victory for Ajax as Croydon were the only side that had beaten them and whom Ajax had not managed to turn the tables on.

Green Gully — after a run of 21 from a possible 22 points — have now managed victories over every side in the competition with the exception of Doveton.

Both their matches with the defsive Doves ended in draws.

They've conceded only 10 goals for the season and only once more than a single goal in any match — against Croydon in a 3-2 loss earlier in the year.

Thirteen times they've keep a clean sheet.

The only other unresolved battle in the State League is that of the top marksman for the season.

Big Gus MacLeod grabbed two for Ajax on Sunday — whilst his team-mates held front runner Ian Loughnane of Croydon scoreless — and he is one behind the leader on 19.

Also one behind Loughname on 19 is Frankston City ace Charlie Egan.

He also scored twice in round 21 with Billy Buchanon adding the third in Frankston's 3-all draw with Doveton.

Strangely all three are UK imports in their first League seson.

PREVIEW FOR FINAL ROUND

The tension will be apparent at Croydon Park, Chaplin Reserve, John Cain Reserve and Waratah Reserve next Sunday as the Victorian State League swings into its final round of matches for the season.

All four venues feature crucial matches involving either sides going for top four positions or battling against relegation.

The fixtures are respectively, Croydon City v Juventus, Sunshine v Hakoah, Northcote v Ringwood and Doveton v George Cross.

And the way things have been in the State League this year only a fool would chance his arm at making selections in these most vital games.

So here goes.

At Croydon the hot and cold home side have nothing to either lose or gain in terms of ladder position regardless of the result against Juventus.

Juve, however, are not only fighting against relegation but the pride — which has already been seriously dented — of the whole Italian community.

Three weeks back Juve looked gone.

They had to meet three of the four top sides in their last four games and were already two points adrift of the rest of the league.

They've managed to down Essendon and Frankston and their luck cum determination or whatever, I think, just may hold for one more week and they'll win on Sunday.

Sunshine, unfortunately for Juve, should down Hakoah and thus Juventus will still be relegated.

Ringwood have taken five from a possible six points since they had the whole team away for a break at Marysville a month ago.

They should continue that good spell and end the season on a high note by beating the disappointing Northcote on Sunday.

That will keep them safe from the drop.

In the match of the day to decide fourth place I'm going for determination to be the deciding factor here and a 0-0 scoreline between Georgie and Doveton to be the outcome.

This means George Cross will stay in the four and just pip the plucky Doves in their first season in the big league.

In other matches Green Gully should win away at Altona and Frankston will spare another point, this time away to Croatia.

Queensland

Wally Bruce

The Queensland State Soccer grand finalist remain undecided after six hours of football have failed to separate the major semi-finalists, Mt Gravatt and Eastern Suburbs.

The grand final was to have been played next Sunday, but has now been put back a week, to September 13.

Brisbane City, after agreeing to play against Adelaide City next Saturday to accommodate the Federation's Grand Final day, have switched their PSL fixture back to the Sunday.

Mt Gravatt and Easts drew 0-0 in their first semi-final, last Sunday week. Then in the first replay last Wednesday night, drew 1-1. Both matches went into extra time.

In the second replay last Saturday, the teams were again locked 0-0 at the end of 120 minutes.

But Easts had a great chance to win this one and reach the final, as they were awarded a last minute penalty, just before extra time.

Former Brisbane City striker Mark Brusasco, who won the Rothmans Medal 24 hours earlier, strode up to take the vital spot kick, but had it saved by Mt Gravatt keeper Mark Davis.

Rival goalkeepers Davis and Easts' Carroll also played a major role in this third drawn match, each making sensational saves.

Davis tipped over a point blank Phil Thompson shot in the first half, and Carroll did the same to a Mickey Rooney drive in the 85th minute.

Mt Gravatt's Gary Bohan, who scored 21 goals in the 18 league matches, has not scored in these semi-finals, and this time went close when he hit the post.

Mt Gravatt were without midfielder Bevan Bohan, who was suspended after being booked in the second drawn match.

He was one of seven to go into the book and seven players were also cautioned in the original semi-final. This time players had a stern warning from referee Bill Monteverde and all came through unscathed.

The third replay is now set down for tomorrow (Wednesday) night and Grange Thistle, who have been patiently waiting to play in the preliminary final, will meet the loser next Sunday (if there is one).

The QSF is even considering trying to change the constitution which says that drawn semi-finals have to be replayed.

This could go on forever and it might be time to allow for a penalty decider if they draw again.

It seems it is the only way one of these teams will lie down!

A player from a country club has been voted "Best and Fairest" in Queensland's State League, conducted by the Brisbane Courier-Mail, for the second successive season.

The winner in 1981 is striker Gary Bromfield, who plays for Bundaberg's Across The Waves, even though he lives in Brisbane.

Bromfield's effort is quite a feat as he has trained only one night a week for the past two seasons, having to attend college on three other nights, as he studies to become a quantity surveyor.

He has another year of study to go and realises PSL clubs cannot afford to sign one-night trainers.

Bromfield's success follows up the victory by Paul Trovalusci, who played for Mareeba United last year, but switched to Townsville United this year.

MARK BRUSASCO . . . EASTERN SUBURBS

GREECHAN ON TARGET

By Greg Blake

Green Gully Ajax's rise to power in the Victorian State League is probably due to a good many reasons.

Not the least of these is a playing staff carefully and painstakingly built by coach Bobby McLachlan over the past two years.

McLachlan mixed what little talent he thought was available on his appointment to the club with a balanced mixture of overseas and local imports.

Of these, quite a number have simply enhanced their already fine reputations by complementing and enjoying the benefits of playing in a top class line-up.

However there is one first-team regular, midfielder Kit Greechan, whose name on the team-sheet sticks out like a sore thumb.

For me Greechan eptomises both ends of the scale of what is good and what is bad in Victorian Soccer.

This year he is playing very well in a side with midfielders in abundance.

Not only does he hold his place but is almost becoming the star turn, scoring (eight to date) and making goals with monotonous regularity.

Ajax are on course for their first-ever State League championship and Greechan, despite spells at this level with Albion Rovers and Western Suburbs, is playing in a successful side for the first time.

He works hard, shows determination and, since joining the club, has shown diligence beyond all expectations.

Yet at this time last year Greechan was just biding his time with a struggling Western Suburbs side on the brink of relegation.

In a side that was always on its way down, Greechan was never the player he is now, despite scoring a few goals.

He was the perfect example of any one of the hundreds of lower grade players from the UK who come here basically to earn pocket money with struggling clubs.

They laugh at our inferior standard of football without ever doing their best to raise it, and generally treat their time here as a joke.

Not all of course, but a good many.

Greechan serves as an example of what can be acheived and for that he deserves credit.

After a couple of years as, at best, just a run-of-the-mill player, he is now gaining a little recognition.

Since being "saved" by Ajax and seizing his second chance with both hands, Greechan is fitter, more confident and is finally finding out what success is all about.

And I've no doubt he's reaping the rewards that come with it.

Former Preston stalwart Eric Lesbirel is doing a very good job in Frankston's midfield alongside ex-Manchester City youngster Carl Holford, who has been grabbing some rave reviews lately.

Veteran Sandy Irvine has settled in well, keeper Billy Gilbert continues to impress and Robert Steward, a reject South Melbourne striker, is doing remarkably well in the centre of defence.

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Northcote seem to just love conceding goals at present.

And that is despite the efforts of one of the top young goalies around in Rocky Tachiris.

He left last week for trials with Austrian Club Admira Wacker.

At least playing custodian at Northcote has given Rocky as much practice a young lad could ever wish for!

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PSL FACING BIG MEETING

By ALEX VESIC

This week the PSL clubs will discuss the future of the Australian national League as well as the introduction of summer Soccer.

Since the summer Soccer idea appears to be losing ground with most club officials, the future of the Australian national League will be the main topic.

Will clubs carry on?

I believe they will.

I have read, with interest, most comments written on the subject of the PSL or ASL, whichever you prefer, and could not help feeling that the character of criticism will do Soccer a lot of harm.

Presumably, the critics would find it easy to interpret figures of expenditure and relate them to the PSL clubs' downfall. Presumably their interest was on air travel alone, so one cannot blame them for the errors. But to say CHIPPLING airline costs, that is a bit too much.

Let me give you the picture.

This year, Marconi is up for well over $200,000 in players wages and bonuses while the Slickers are looking at over $300,000 - — Sydney Olympic about the same as Slickers, and so on.

If we look at the figures for air travel, we find that last year, the clubs had to pay $6,671.25 in addition to Philips Industries $300,000 sponsorship. If the clubs had to do it alone, the sum would have been $25,421.25 per club.

Why would anyone quote figures of $40,000 or even $60,000 per club? Some have added the cost of motel accommodation, food, entertainment, and why not — it was spent.

But why, this extravagance. Why travel a day earlier?

A few days earlier, certainly, but a day (I mean one night), that is silly. The players seldom get comfortable in a new bed. The sounds at night are not those familiar to your street corner and biological rhythm is disturbed. Is that what we spend some $14,000 a year for?

If money is difficult to come by, why be extravagant?

As far as air travel is concerned, the secretary of the PSL, Paul Kemp advised last week that Philips never intended to cover the total team travel costs, and for that reason, the ASL will not be looking all that hard to find someone who would offer a much better deal.

Assume that there will be no sponsor.

It is still somewhere in the vicinity of $30,000 for next year's travel per club. That is still one dollar in 10 each club spends yearly to exist in the PSL.

After speaking to a few club secretaries I found that each is terribly disturbed about wages and bonuses to players but none considered air fares as a real burden. In fact the general opinion was that where there is $300,000 to be found there surely must be an additional $30,000.

A few expressed concern over this much-maligned 10 percent by saying that their club is already stretched to the limit before even thinking of the airline costs.

I appreciate that.

But doesn't this mean that they will go broke in the PSL as well as in the State League or regional League or St Kilda Fishermen's Association, should they continue to pay huge sums of money to overpaid playing staff?

For that reason, regionalising is out of the question. We are attempting to go back 25 years because of problems associated with a small portion of our everyday bill.

Did you know, that quite a few countries in the world list our results and tables? The reason is simple; we have the national League, which wasn't the case five years ago.

The world of Soccer is a step closer if we have the national League.

The choice of a top player for selection in the national team is much easier.

What about our children, those little Soccer hopefuls?

They know most players in the national League. Sharne, Cole, Woodhouse, Jankovic, Boden and the rest are part of our Soccer life. Those kids have an aim, and that is the top. Should we regionalise, we are immediately aiming towards a lower class of competition, with the inevitable results.

As for the sponsor - who will be prepared to lay out heaps of money if you are going to play regional?

You might ask how much would one pay a top player to reduce the wage bill?

A first division club in about 50 percent of the Soccer-playing nations in Europe pays between $50 and $250 dollars per player, per game, depending on results.

Those are the players we can't even get a "look at", let alone import. What do we do? We lavish our players with heaps of money, give them easy jobs and then even find it easy to feel sorry for them when things don't go exactly as planned.

How many clubs have instituted heavy fines for yellow and red cards for their own players? How many have even attempted to seriously examine the situation on the European scene and compare the wages?

From the figures I have, the national League should continue — and as for the new sponsor?

Why not TAA or Ansett?

GET YOUR POOLS IN...

With DEBORAH

LIGHTNING DOES STRICE TWICE

A retired couple from Killarney Vale near Wyong, and a 29-year-old divorcee from the Gold Coast have shared $193,873 on the Pools.

Allan Turner (63) and his 51-year-old wife Beryl, who have won $96,880 retired to Killarney Vale in 1978 on a service pension from the Water Resources Commission after being in charge of the Glenbawn Dam, 14 kilometres fron Scone.

Asked how he selected his numbers, Allan said:

"You wont believe me, but what I did was to take the winning 13 numbers from the previous week, drop two of them (41 and 46) and change 21 to 24, 34 to 35 and 40 to 36 and now I have shared the scoop price."

"Don't try and tell me lightning doesn't strike twice; this proves that it does" Allan added.

Gold Coast Winner

Pamela,a waitress at a leading hotel on the Gold Coast, has won $96,993.

Her old car recently broke down so she has decided to buy herself a new one and then take her girl friend on a holiday to Melbourne.

Originally from Ballarat in Victoria Pamela has been working doing sewing on drapes after she has finished her normal work so that she could get extra money for the holiday."

WEEK 6

5th SEPTEMBER, 1981

DIVISION 1	BIRMINGHAM 4	NOTT'M FOR. 3	1	2	
	BRIGHTON 2	MIDDLESBRO' 0	2	X	*
	LEEDS 3	WOLVES 0	3	1	
	LIVERPOOL 2	ARSENAL 0	4	X	
	MAN. UTD. 1	IPSWICH 2	5	2	
	NOTTS C. 2	COVENTRY 1	6	X	*
	SOUTH'PTON 1	EVERTON 0	7	1	
	STOKE 1	MAN. CITY 3	8	X	*
	SUNDERLAND 0	WEST HAM 2	9	2	
	TOTTENHAM 1	ASTON VILLA 3	10	X	
	WEST BROM. 4	SWANSEA 1	11	1	
DIVISION 2	BOLTON	LUTON	12	1	
	CAMB'GE U.	ROTHERHAM	13	X	
	CARDIFF	CHELSEA	14	X	*
	CHARLTON	BLACKBURN	15	1	
	LEICESTER	WREXHAM	16	1	
	NORWICH	BARNSLEY	17	X	
	ORIENT	GRIMSBY	18	X	*
	Q.P.R.	NEWCASTLE	19	1	
	SHEFF. WED.	CRYSTAL P.	20	1	
	SHREWSBURY	DERBY	21	1	
	WATFORD	OLDHAM	22	1	
DIVISION 3	BRENTFORD	WALSALL	23	1	
	BRISTOL C.	DONCASTER	24	1	
	BURNLEY	PLYMOUTH	25	1	
	CHESTER	SWINDON	26	1	
	CHESTERF'LD	BRISTOL R.	27	X	*
	EXETER	CARLISLE	28	X	
	LINCOLN	FULHAM	29	1	
	OXFORD UTD.	HUDDERSF'LD	30	2	
	PRESTON 1	PORTSMOUTH 0	31	1	
	READING	GILLINGHAM	32	1	
	WIMBLEDON	MILLWALL	33	2	
DIVISION 4	HALIFAX	PETERBORO'	34	2	
	HEREFORD 3	BURY 1	35	X	
	HULL 2	BRADFORD C. 1	36	1	
	MANSFIELD 0	BOURNEM'TH 1	37	1	
	ROCHDALE 2	HARTLEPOOL 1	38	X	
	SCUNTHORPE	BLACKPOOL	39	1	
	WIGAN A.	SHEFF. UTD.	40	2	
Alliance League	BARNET	ALTRINCHAM	41	2	
	BARROW 0	ENFIELD 2	42	1	
	BOSTON UTD. 2	NORTHWICH 0	43	1	
	DAGENHAM 2	KETTERING 1	44	2	
SCOTTISH PREMIER	ABERDEEN 1	CELTIC 3	45	X	*
	AIRDRIE 3	ST. MIRREN 4	46	2	
	DUNDEE 4	PARTICK 2	47	1	
	MORTON 1	DUNDEE UTD. 0	48	X	*
	RANGERS 2	HIBERNIAN 2	49	1	
DIVISION 1	AYR	HAMILTON	50	1	
	CLYDEBANK 2	ST. JOHNS'NE 3	51	1	
	E. STIRLING 1	DUNF'MLINE 2	52	X	
	HEARTS 0	KILMARNOCK 1	53	1	
	Q. OF SOUTH	DUMBARTON	54	1	
	RAITH 0	FALKIRK 3	55	1	

Australian Soccer Weekly selection for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score-draws).

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

How would you like to win a great Presto prize ?

Just answer the simple questions in A.S.W.'s PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, PRESTO QUIZ, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. Please state your preference — either a leg of Presto ham or five kilos of Presto smallgoods.

All entries have to be in this office by Monday. The first correct entry opened will be the winner.

Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Bobby Robson. 2.Cesar Menotti. 3.Heidelberg. 4.NZ won 13-0. 5.Steve Wooddin. 6.Tottenham Hotspur.

The winner was N.Szego of P.O.Box 275 Queanbeyan, NSW, 2620. He chose the leg of ham.

Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. Has Italy ever won the World Cup ?
2. Name South Melbourne's home ground.
3. For which national team did Kocsis, Puskas and Hidegkuti play ?
4. Has Pele ever played in Australia ?
5. Who coaches Blacktown Demons ?
6. Name Manchester United's home ground.

The name and address of the winner of this Quiz will be published in next week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

PRESTO
MEAT & SMALLGOODS

THE POOL STATISTICS!

Statistics have revealed that certain numbers result in score draws more often than others.

Among those numbers most frequently appearing as score draws since the Pools first started in Australia are 11, 15, 16, 19 and 28.

Some of the numbers appearing least often as score draws are 3, 9, 12, 47 and 48. However, the difficult task is deciding whether the popular numbers are bound to come up again or whether it's time for some of the less frequent numbers to appear.

MERGER LONG WAY OFF

By Tom McKain

A front page story in another Soccer weekly stating Adelaide's Azzurri and Campbelltown, two Italian-backed clubs, would merge and apply for a place in the PSL, was way off the mark.

While the clubs are talking a merger they are far from reaching any agreement.

A name and colours are two contentious items, which to an outsider appear nothing when a national competition place is at stake.

However, we understand Campbelltown officials do not treat their name lightly, and while Azzurri is just as proud of theirs, are in no position to call terms as they have only a modest ground, and although champions of First Division, no club-rooms.

We understand they are willing to sell their biggest asset, a hotel which is near Hindmarsh Stadium, the SA Federation HQ.

Both clubs are also aware that the Giants and Hawks have almost gone bankrupt in Adelaide keeping up with wealthier PSL clubs.

the Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 5, 10, 17, 20, 23, 24, 28, 32, 40, 43, 50, 54

SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts 35, 42.

	1 1½	2 1½	3 1	4 1	5 3	6 1	7 1½
8 1	9 1	10 3	11 1	12 1	13 1½	14 1	15 1
16 1½	17 3	18 1	19 1½	20 3	21 1	22 1½	23 3
24 3	25 1½	26 1½	27 1	28 3	29 1	30 1	31 1½
32 3	33 1	34 1½	35 2	36 1	37 1	38 1	39 1½
40 3	41 1	42 2	43 3	44 1	45 1	46 1	47 1½
48 1	49 1½	50 3	51 1½	52 1	53 1	54 3	55 1

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

"The coaches don't want summer Soccer" claim the critics of the revolutionary PSL proposal. But they obviously have not asked the two Queensland coaches.

Both Brisbane Lions' Joe Gilroy and Gladiators' George Potter are both solidly behind the move.

And remember their clubs play in a State whose humidity in summer time can be almost unbearable, particularly for sportsmen.

Both coaches are former professional footballers in the UK so they should command respect when airing their views on the matter.

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We hear Leichhardt is about to offer coach Willie Wallace a new three-year contract — and Willie will accept.

Leichhardt may not have been among the PSL pace-setters this year, but the strength and depth of their squad cannot be denied.

For instance, before the match against Canberra Arrows at Lambert Park, Wallace had to rule out no fewer than eight players through injury.

Leichhardt won easily 4 — 0, and that says plenty for Wallace's team-building efforts.

He plucked a 17 year-old youth team player, Paul Carter, out of nowhere for his PSL debut against Arrows. Carter, who had a fine game at full-back, justified Wallace's faith in him.

WILLIE WALLACE

We found this item in Brian Curran's column in the Sydney Morning Herald:-

The ASF executive's request to Sir Arthur George to continue as president for another two years, while bound to arouse resentment in some quarters, will be seen in the months to come as a wise one.

Reliable sources indicate that, were he to retire at the end of this year, as had been tipped, Philips would have withdrawn.

That story appeared on July 15. Exactly a month later, Philips withdrew!

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Figures produced by an accountant and given to the Sydney Sun suggested that the airline bill for transporting PSL clubs in 1982 could be as high as $750,000.

PSL secretary Paul Kemp insists the figure was way above what it should be.

Explanation? The accountant based his claim on normal charges for normal passengers. It seems the Philips League gets much more favourable treatment from TAA than normal passengers.

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Charley Villani, Adelaide City's Youth Socceroo midfielder who was set to go with the senior side to Indonesia and Taiwan, is keeping his fingers crossed.

He had to pull out of the squad when his "operation knee" collapsed on him at training, and had minor surgery last week.

However, the medics say it was not a recurrence of the trouble which forced an operation last close season.

He has been told to rest, and with a bit of luck will be able to play for Australia in the World Youth Cup finals in October.

Villani's misfortune was a break for team-mate Chris Manou.

The big midfielder was called up immediately by coach Les Scheinflug, and now has a chance to grab a permanent place in the squad.

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Ian McKie, Adelaide Hawks' Youth squad midfielder or defender, is thinking of trying his luck overseas.

At the moment his plans are to join Adelaide City's David Mitchell, who already has some trials lined up, visiting England first.

Mitchell has been promised trials in Scotland, and both youngsters have arranged to meet Justin Fashanu, now with Nottingham Forest, when they get to the UK.

Fashanu guested with Giants this year and last.

Marcelo Houseman returned to Argentina four weeks ago after a brief sojourn in Australia with Sydney City. Slickers' secretary, David Childs, said it was mutually decided that he return to Argentina.

"The situation developed whereby we were trying to get Rene Houseman, so Marcelo came out here. He was substitute in a couple of youth games, but it was a tangled situation with regard to his brother, so he returned to Buenos Aires," Childs said.

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Whispers going around say a soft drink firm is standing by willing to at least part-sponsor the national league.

Another source said a fast-food company was willing to listen to proposals, and another tipped a large overseas car firm would step in.

And it is known that when one club approached a car manufacturer about club sponsorship, it was told: "We could be interested in backing a competition, but not just one club."

If the PSL is to go ahead with its silly summer Soccer scheme, may we suggest the League's new sponsor could be - Coppertone - the sun-tan lotion people?

With Nivea as first reserve!

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Broadcasting of Sydney Olympic's away matches to its club in Waterloo has brought a huge response from supporters.

The club is packed out for the entire four months since the broadcast started. Con Giotakis does the descriptions.

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St George's plans for a special challenge competition involving themselves, Croatia Sydney, Leichhardt and Sydney Olympic have come to nought. he man who was trying to organise the proposed end-of-season competition, Saints coach Frank Arok, said there was just too little time to schedule it, with almost the whole of October taken up by the World Youth Championship.

"The NSW Federation reserved another week after the Grand Final for a replay if necessary, and that will be September 27. We were not able to organise anything because there are just too nany 'ifs'," Arok said. "The only other alternative is the end of October, and that isn't possible because you can't keep players t at long," Arok said.

He added that the challenge series may be able to be arranged for the 1982 pre-season, but there may not be as much interest in such a competition then.

MARCELO HOUSEMAN

Terry Byrne and Tony Brennan are the two main rivals for Canberra's two main club prizes.

What this club is offering through sponsors is phenomenal.

The first prize is a $7,000 Ford Laser from Brian Pollock Motors; the second a week-long, all expenses and accommodation paid holiday in New Zealand.

Byrne leads Brennan by a mere two points with three mystery rounds only to be unveiled on the night of the actual presentation.

That's September 25 at Canberra's Austrian Club.

Opposing coaches have done the judging throughout the season.

But the array of end-of-season awards far from ends with the car and Kiwi holiday c/o New Zealand Airways and Accommodation Hotels.

Local jewellery store, Jools, has put up two other handsome awards — a one oz gold medallion and a one oz silver medallion.

The gold one goes to the Jools Golden Goal winner and the silver to the runner-up.

Here Tony Brennan looks a certainty for his goal against Newcastle was given a 98.5 percent rating by Canberra supporters.

Walter Valeri looks certain to pocket $1,000 cash for he has a clear, three-goal lead in the highest goalscoring section.

September 25 is set to be quite a night.

Wollongong supporters chipped in to buy Bill de Graaf a farewell present before the Sydney City game.

The fans in the grandstand even signed his card and supporters' club president, Len Chafer, made a presentation before the kick-off.

De Graaf is now away with the New Zealand B team at the Annual Merderka tournament — his second trip to the series.

The big central defender may have played his last game for the Wolves.

There have been reports that a Victorian State League club is very interested in signing him for 1982.

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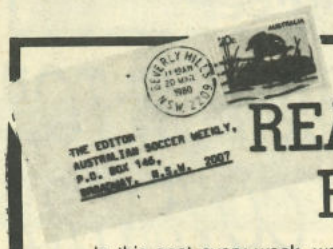
Shraga Topaz, West Adelaide Hawks' Israeli international, won't be here next season.

He is returning to Israel — his wife and family are already there — and will leave a large gap.

He has been outstanding in midfield or as sweeper in recent weeks, and had built up a tremendous understanding with young stopper Tom Forde.

And Greek international Con Kambas is expected to retire at the end of this season.

He has been hit by injuries this year, and also displaced some weeks as he could not attend training.



READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

I read Greg Blake's article on the weekend previews on the 4th August on the Footscray Vs Olympic game.

He started saying that he wouldn't even think of Olympic beating Footscray, or even gaining a point. As it turned out he was wrong. (NATURALLY)

What else will he say about Sydney Olympic in the future? They are no rubbish team, and they don't need rubbishing from him.

Olympic has done very well this year. They are a young side and will be a major force next year. As I always say and really mean — up Sydney Olympic!

Con Andrews
A Fanatic Sydney Olympic supporter
Marrickville, NSW

Who would have thought that a peaceful second grade match between St George and Melita would be a mild curtain-raiser for the most controversial match of the year.

A rapidly growing crowd was watching the Saints' out-of-form reserve team go down to the home team 4-0 in a clean, almost even match. Then, amidst an electric atmosphere, came the teams for the main game. The game started at a brisk pace with both teams attacking fiercely. With approximately 20 minutes completed, Melita drew first blood. The referee, with an abundance of support from his two linesmen, then gave an excellent display of how to make a crowd hostile. A free-kick to St George brought the equaliser just before half-time, much to the dismay of the supporters who believed a penalty was a more reasonable proposition as the free-kick was only inches outside the box.

In the second half the Saints used the offside trap quite a few times where the referee's decision burned the supporters tempers for obvious reasons. Then, the unbelievable happened. A Melita player was lining up a long cross from just inside his own half. Sensing this, Saints immediately evacuated their half (even keeper Fraser came out of his area), leaving at least two or three Eagles stranded. A clear case of offside. Yet there was no whistle. NOT EVEN A LINESMAN'S FLAG! Melita thought Christmas had come early as Fraser stumbled off his line trying to clear the ball. By this time one Eagle was past the keeper — YET HE WAS NOT RULED OFFSIDE! Melita scored and the ref had put himself in the hot-seat.

Towards the end St George took the Melita defence by surprise and once again equalised. It was an amazing fight back because the second Melita goal disheartened them.

In the dying minutes Melita received a corner. One of their strikers met the ball in mid-air. As he connected with the ball the referee blew his whistle. The crowd blew their top. I thought that the keeper had been fouled but apparently the ref had blown full-time.

Here is my idea of a remedy to this farce. Firstly, a full inquiry of the match is needed. When a referee's decision upsets both sides something is definitely wrong. I also propose that the match be replayed. I think it would only be fair to both sides.

Joe Pusztai
Saints Fan
Seven Hills, NSW

With the financial situation, and the threat of summer Soccer causing so much concern amongst the PSL clubs and the cost of domestic air fares rising consistantly, I consider the only solution, at least for the NSW clubs is the formation of a Premier Division of the State League, ie. Blacktown, Canberra, Croatia, Leichhardt, Marconi, Melita, Newcastle, Sydney City, St George, Sydney Olympic and Wollongong to complete the league, surely a first class team can be formed in the Gosford area.

This may be slightly below the strength of the PSL, but to compensate, support for the many local games would be forthcoming. One has only to glance at the figures for the St George, Croatia and Melita games. 7.000, 5.800, 12.000, 3.000, 4.500 and 4,800 — an average of 6,000, I trust this will give food for thought.

W. Whittaker
Picnic Point NSW

FIFA
Enjoy Coca-Cola
TRADE MARK REGD
Coke adds life to Soccer

MULLERY THINKS BIG AT "NEW" CHARLTON

When Alan Mullery took over as manager of Charlton Athletic, he complained that there wasn't enough competition for first team places.

He said: "There are a lot of nice people at this club and some have been here a long time but the competitive attitude is nil. Some players knew they'd be picked even after playing badly because there was no alternative.

"That's what I'm trying to rectify. Look at clubs like Liverpool and Ipswich Town. Every year, they have about 17 players for only 11 places and that's a good thing."

So Mullery signed Don McAllister from Spurs, Steve Harrison from Watford, Leighton Phillips from Swansea, Billy Lansdowne from West Ham, Phil Ferns from Bournemouth and John Phillips from Brighton.

It's only the first step in his plan to restore Charlton to first division greatness.

You'd need a long memory to recall Charlton's great days. It's 24 long years since they played in the first division.

Mullery has set his new team a triple target — championship of the second division, the F.A. Cup and the Football League Cup!

"I'm not kidding. If you don't ask, you don't get. You have to aim high," said the former English international.

U.K. SOCCER SCENE

TOP TEAMS FOR TOP PRICE AT COVENTRY

Coventry City may not win much in English football — but they frequently make the he adlines.

They have now unveiled their "new look" Highfield Road ground which has a capacity of only 20,500. It is all-seater, the first English club to make that radical change. Capacity has been drastically reduced to concentrate on comfort.

Prices will vary from match to match according to the drawing power of the opposing team.

Manchester United fans who watched their team at Coventry last Saturday had to pay $10 to get in.

Jimmy Hill, of TV fame, said: "We are re-launching Soccer as family entertainment."

Coventry are also determined to give their sponsors, the Talbot motor company, a fair go — despite the refusal by TV to allow sponsors' names on jerseys.

ITV and BBC could ban Coventry City completely from the screens because of the club's new playing strip. It features the Talbot car emblem — but not the word "Talbot."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"Just call me Tony." That's the message from a Dutch winger who has been transferred to Birmingham City.

Tony is a lot easier to pronounce than the player's real name. It is . . . wait for it . . . Antonious Wilhelmus Mataeus Taeodora Van Mierlo.

Tony was signed from the cigar club, Willem 11, and he will have another Dutch star to keep him company in Birmingham's front line.

His best mate, Bud Brocken, also from Willem 11, is with the English club.

Holland, like Yugoslavia, is proving a rich source of talent for English clubs.

Why the invasion from Holland? Van Mierlo explains: "Nearly all Dutch players want to play in England. We watch your games on television and we are jealous of the big crowds we see. With my previous club, our attendances were only about 4,000 or 5,000 and it's the same all over Holland.

"Spectators are not going to games because they remember the great days of Ajax and Cruyff and they won't come back until they know they'll see that sort of football."

They could be in for a long wait!

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When Southampton lost 3 — 1 in Spain to Seville their star players fell foul of the referee.

Kevin Keegan was booked for arguing and Mick Channon was sent off for dissent.

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Kevin Keegan

WEMBLEY SUPERSTAR JOINS THE DOLE QUEUE

It's going to be a long hard winter for many professional players in the Football League.

At a time when even the most successful of clubs — like Aston Villa and Manchester City — are losing money, there has been a drastic pruning of playing staffs right through the game.

This means a journey to the dole queue for many young players who had dreams of greatness, glamour and great wealth.

Take the case of 22-year-old Peter Coyne.

Peter first hit the headlines as a schoolboy wonder in Manchester. He played for England Schools against West Germany at Wembley in 1974 and scored a hat trick.

He earned a trip to Australia that year where he played in the Australia v England schoolboy international at Sydney Sports Ground. Top clubs in Britain fought to sign him but the boy settled on his favourite club, Manchester United.

Tommy Docherty signed him as an apprentice at $16 a week plus another $20 for his lodgings.

Coyne was United's outstanding goalscorer, getting more than 50 goals a season in the "A" team and he even played one first XI game against Leicester City . . . and scored.

But The Doc was not impressed. Peter's wages at Old Trafford were so small he had to go around the Manchester pubs selling seafood in his spare time.

Then he drifted into non-League football with Ashton United before joining Crewe Alexandra where he was leading goalscorer for three seasons. Wages? $200 a week full-time professional.

At the end of last season, Crewe retained only seven players and Peter Coyne was handed his cards.

He signed on for the dole, wondering just how to support a wife, two children and a house mortgage.

There are many similar stories in English Soccer — many Peter Coynes who search for clubs willing to pay them a living wage.

But after thrilling millions of TV watchers with a Wembley hat trick, it comes hard to discover a few years later that you're unwanted.

WIZARD FROM YUGOSLAVIA

One of the biggest performances on the first day of the new English season came from a Yugoslavian goalkeeper.

The Balkan import is Raddy Avramovic and he plays for Notts County. Notts, just promoted from second division, had the best result of the day, winning 1 — 0 at Villa Park against champions, Aston Villa.

Avramovic made several outstanding second half saves as Villa tried to salvage a point.

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LONG WAIT FOR CASE

Everything comes to he who waits — or something. Ten years ago, Brighton tried to sign Jimmy Case from Liverpool but Liverpool manager Bill Shankly said he wouldn't sell.

Now Case has joined Brighton for a fee of $700,000, a decade after that first transfer bid.

The fee will be deducted from the $1,600,000 Liverpool paid Brighton for Irishman Mark Lawrenson.

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Newcastle United offered Chesterfield a player-plus-cash deal for striker Alan Birch but it was refused. Chesterfield want $400,000 for Birch.

RECORD FEE IS TURNED DOWN

The biggest transfer offer ever made in England has been turned down by West Bromwich Albion.

Manchester United offered West Brom more than $3,000,000 for Bryan Robson. Albion manager Ronnie Allen said: "The offer was totally unacceptable. I turned it down and when I told my directors, they agreed with that decision. The only way Robson will leave Albion is if a ridiculous offer is made." How big is ridiculous?

Robson, by the way, has been handed a new contract to stay and it's worth about $2,000 a week for the next five years. He has refused to sign it!

Brvan Robson

HE'S NOT WILD OVER RAY

Spurs Cup Final goalkeeper hero Milija Aleksic is far from delighted about the arrival of Ray Clemence at White Hart Lane.

Indeed, Aleksic has demanded a transfer — and Spurs have agreed.

He said: "There is no point in my hanging around. I'm 30 and I don't want to finish my career in the reserve team. I don't like the thought of leaving but I have little choice."

In a pre-season charity game in Aberdeen, Aleksic was Spurs star performer!

MILIJA ALEKSIC DIVES IN VAIN AS TOMMY HUTCHISON SCORES FOR CITY

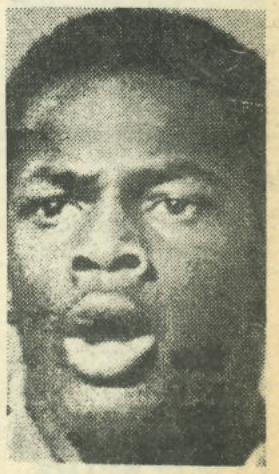
HARD-UP FOREST !

Brian Clough, blunt as usual, said after signing Justin Fashanu from Norwich City for $2,000,000: "That leaves Nottingham Forest broke!"

Clough says he bought Fashanu because he badly needed a genuine centre-forward, a true number 9.

The Forest manager said: "I already have three million pounds worth of striking talent at Forest but nobody really wants that number 9 jersey. The centre-forward job has become old-fashioned because players realise it is the most difficult position on the field these days.

"John Robertson, Peter Ward, Ian Wallace and Trevor Francis were crying out for somebody to play off. Well, now they've got one. Let's see how many goals they score."



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